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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, January 3, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 1. }

Requisitions for subsistence supplies will hereafter be transmitted to the Chief Commissary of the Department, on the first of February and first of July, covering the following periods, respectively, viz:

1. Eleven months, commencing on the first of February and ending on the thirty-first of December.
2. Twelve months, commencing on the first of July and ending on the thirtieth of June.

In this connection, the requirements of Circular No. 10, Office Commissary General of Subsistence, July 13, 1867, will be strictly complied with.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

George D. Brown

Aide-de-Camp.



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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, April 8, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 2.

I...Charges requiring trial by general court martial will be forwarded through the military channel to Department Headquarters for official revision. Post Commanders shall require that such charges be drawn in conformity to law before they forward them, and they shall also cause inquiry to be made into the merits of each case, and shall endorse on the papers of each, whether or not, in their judgment, it demands action by a general court martial.

No charges will be referred to general courts martial for trial by Post or other commanders, except in cases where special authority therefor shall have been obtained from these Headquarters.

Charges which may lawfully be tried by regimental or garrison courts martial, will be referred to such courts for trial, —after the exercise of official revision—by the proper commander.

Upon the completion of trials by general courts martial, the original charges and documents connected therewith shall be returned by the Judge Advocates of the courts to the Judge Advocate of the Department.

Charges and specifications preferred that require action at these Headquarters, communications pertaining to the administration of military justice by courts martial, and proceedings of military courts, and commissions, throughout this Department, will be addressed to the Judge Advocate of the Department.

II...The attention of officers is especially called to the impropriety of permitting inebriated soldiers to be placed upon duty, after the fact of their intoxication is apparent, and of thus forcing them into positions where they are liable to commit offences in violation of the articles of war.

No officer, with a proper sense of duty, should permit an order to be given to a drunken man, or allow him to be placed in a position of trust over property or men.

Altercations or discussions, on the part of officers, with drunken soldiers should be avoided; and the men should be confined before they can do further mischief. They are not to be ordered to report themselves for confinement; but should in all cases be sent to the guard house under proper custody.

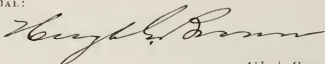
Charges for disobedience of orders, or failure to perform duty, against soldiers known to have been intoxicated when the orders were given or when the offenders were placed on duty, will not hereafter be entertained in this command.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, April 18, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

1...Company commanders are authorized to divide their companies, for target practice, into two classes: the first to include at least two-thirds of the company; the second to comprise such men as make the poorest practice. Men of the latter class may be practiced, at the option of the Company commander, at short ranges.

Post commanders will require target practice for first class men at their posts, during May, 1873, to be held at distances from the target of either one, two or three hundred yards; and for the month of June, at distances of either one hundred and fifty, two hundred and fifty, or three hundred and fifty yards. The greater distances will rule where the class has acquired proficiency at the shorter ranges. The distance to be selected for each company, as herein directed, will be determined by the Company commander.

Attention is invited to the importance of practice in the saddle with blank cartridges by the cavalry, in order to accustom their horses to the sound of fire-arms discharged by their riders. Company commanders of cavalry will forward requisitions for a supply of blank pistol cartridges for the year 1873, in cases where they may not already be provided with them.

Company commanders who have not copies of Heth's Target Practice, will make requisition for the same upon the Adjutant General of the Army.

Regimental Commanders will at once call for reports from companies to determine the names of their respective Regimental prizemen for 1872, and will forward the same to the Headquarters of the Army, through Department Headquarters.

Upon the application of Medical officers, hospital nurses may be excused from target practice, when their services are required to attend upon the sick.

II...Each Post Commander will forward to these Headquarters a consolidated report of progress made at recitations by officers during the past season, and also of recitations at non-commissioned officers schools during the same period.

III...All officers in this command having the old form of "transportation orders" in their possession, will immediately transfer them to the Depot Quartermaster at Omaha.

IV...The Secretary of War has decided that the custom, which prevails in some of the Military Geographical Departments, of allowing a leave of absence to take effect from a date other than that on which the officer leaves his proper station, is inadmissible under the law regulating the pay of officers while on leaves of absence.

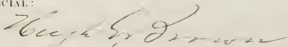
Hereafter, when an officer on leave of absence remains away from his station longer than the time specified in the original leave and such extensions as may be granted by competent authority, he will be reported to the Pay Department as absent without leave. This report will be made by the Post commander to the Chief Paymaster of the Department, and the Paymaster General.

The dates of departure and return of officers granted leaves of absence, including in all cases leaves granted by Post commanders, will be correctly reported upon Post returns.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, May 1, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, *1*
No. 4. *1*

In accordance with a letter from the Quartermaster General, and in order that the distribution of the new uniform may commence on the first of July next, Post commanders will, without delay, cause estimates in quadruplicate to be forwarded to these Headquarters, for the articles required at their posts for the ensuing year.

The articles of the new uniform are:—

Helmets, for cavalry and light artillery. Full dress caps for all other arms. Forage caps and covers for all arms of the service. Dress coats, and blouses lined and unlined, for all arms. White berlin gloves for all arms. Campaign hats for troops in the field on the frontier.

The estimates should be made out in detail, so as to show the number of helmets of each size required for cavalry and light artillery; the number of dress caps of each size required for each grade of non-commissioned staff officers, and for the engineers, ordnance, foot artillery and infantry. The number of coats of each size required for each grade of non-commissioned staff officers, and for the non-commissioned officers of cavalry, light artillery, foot artillery, and infantry, &c. The number of pairs of trousers of each size required for each grade of non-commissioned officers of all arms of the service.

The sizes of the new pattern clothing for the privates, for all arms of the service should be given separate from those required for the non-commissioned officers.

As trousers are supplied with stripes attached, it is important that the number of each size required for each grade of non-commissioned officers should be stated separately.

If the number of dress coats of each size is stated for each grade of non-commissioned officers, they will be supplied with the proper chevrons attached.

The estimates should be made for the actual sizes of coats, blouses and trousers required. The patterns have been cor-

rected, and it is no longer necessary to call for large sizes with a view to cutting down.

Estimates should be made for the *actual* number of men composing the garrison of each post.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, May 5, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 5. }

The following Districts are hereby constituted, viz:—

1. *District of the Republican*—To comprise all that part of the Department lying between Longitude 99 and 103, and the line of the Railroad west of Longitude 103 to Sidney Barracks and to include that post. Headquarters Fort McPherson, Neb. Colonel *J. J. Reynolds*, 3d Cavalry, is assigned to the command.

2. *District of the Black Hills*—To comprise all that part of the Department lying north of Latitude $41^{\circ} 45'$, and between Longitude 103 and $106\frac{1}{2}$, exclusive of such parts of the U. P. Railroad as may lie between these longitudes. Headquarters Fort Laramie, W. T. Colonel *John E. Smith*, 14th Infantry, is assigned to the command.

Each District Commander will retain command of his post, and may detail his Regimental or Post Adjutant for duty as Acting Assistant Adjutant General at District Headquarters. No other District Staff will be allowed without special authority.

The object in establishing Districts is to facilitate the movement and concentration of troops in case of Indian hostilities, and not to increase official correspondence. No returns of troops, by Districts, will be required from District Commanders. Stated reports, returns, etc., will be sent as heretofore by Post Commanders direct to Department Headquarters. Such reports, returns, etc., as may be necessary to keep the District Commander informed of the fighting strength of his command may be required by him.

Troops in pursuit of hostile Indians will not confine themselves to District limits, but will pass such boundaries whenever required to insure success.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, May 30, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 6. }

Under date of May 12, 1873, the President has declared the military reservation at the post near Beaver City, Utah Territory, with boundaries as hereinafter described, and the same is announced for the information and guidance of all concerned, viz:—

Starting at the southwest corner of Section twenty-three (23), Township twenty-nine (29) south, range seven (7) west, Salt Lake meridian, running north one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) mile to quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) corner between Section fourteen (14) and fifteen (15), Township twenty-nine (29) south, range seven (7) west; thence south eighty-nine (89) degrees east one (1) mile four thousand nine hundred and seventy (4970) feet to pile of stones on the extremity of a high ridge; thence south six (6) degrees west one (1) mile two thousand and fifty (2050) feet to pile of stones on the rim of high peak; thence south eighty-seven (87) degrees west one (1) mile four thousand three hundred and fifty (4350) feet to point of beginning.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. HUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



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1873 HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, June 6, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 7.

I...Post Commanders are not authorized, without special instructions from higher authority, to order transportation for men or material, beyond the limits of their respective posts, where the same involves the expenditure of money on account of army transportation. The orders of Post Commanders for transportation, given under special instructions from higher authority, will cite the fact.

This order does not apply to transportation required for troops to be sent in pursuit of depredating Indians or of deserters, when the emergency will not warrant the delay of reference to Department Headquarters, nor for witnesses summoned before Courts Martial, nor for transportation in kind to discharged soldiers.

II...In obedience to instructions from the Secretary of War, Commanding officers of Infantry companies which are partially or entirely armed with the Remington, Sharp's or Ward-Burton experimental arms will immediately make requisition for such numbers of the Springfield breech-loading rifle muskets as they may require to replace them.

On receipt of the Springfield breech-loading rifles the experimental arms will be turned in to the Commanding officer Ordnance Depot, Omaha.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

III...Commanding officers of cavalry and infantry companies to whom equipments have been or may hereafter be issued for trial, will forward their reports on the same quarterly, instead of monthly as heretofore required, direct to the Chief of Ordnance, made out on the blanks furnished from the Ordnance Office, and in the manner prescribed thereby.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, June 9, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8. }

I...All targets in this Department will, in future, be divided into two equal parts by a vertical line. Reports of target practice will show "average distance from centre of vertical line," instead of "average distance from centre," as heretofore required.

After June 30, 1873, Company commanders will be required to divide their companies in two classes, for target practice; the first to include at least two-thirds of the company; the second to comprise such men as make the poorest practice. Men of the latter class may be practiced, at the option of the Company commander, at short ranges.

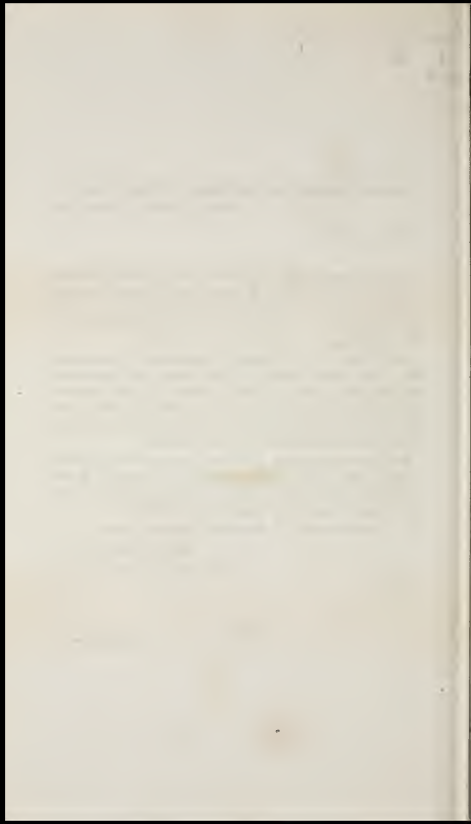
II...Post commanders will direct the use of any lumber at their posts, which may be needed, for targets. Recent campaigns against Indians, have demonstrated that it is better to expend lumber for targets than for coffins.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, July 5, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 9. }

The Commanding officers of companies who have not yet turned in their experimental arms, in compliance with General Orders, No. 7, and Special Orders, No's. 79, and 112, current series, from these Headquarters, will send them to the Rock Island Arsenal, instead of the Omaha Ordnance Depot.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD :

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL :

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 10/10/54

TO: Mr. Tolson

FROM: Mr. [Name]

SUBJECT: [Subject]

RE: [Reference]

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, July 18, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 10. }

I...The country included between the 42d degree north Latitude and the northern boundary of Wyoming Territory, and the 107th meridian of Longitude and the western boundary of Wyoming Territory, will comprise a District—to be called the District of the Wind River. Lieutenant Colonel *Albert G. Brackett*, 2d Cavalry, is assigned to the command. Headquarters for the present at Camp Stambaugh, W. T.

II...All that part of the Department lying west of the 106th meridian, except Utah Territory and the District of the Wind River, will comprise a District—to be called the District of the Green River. Colonel *P. R. DeTrobriand*, 13th Infantry, is assigned to the command with Headquarters at Fort Fred. Steele.

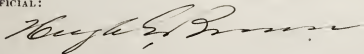
III...The 106th meridian will hereafter form the western boundary of the District of the Black Hills.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

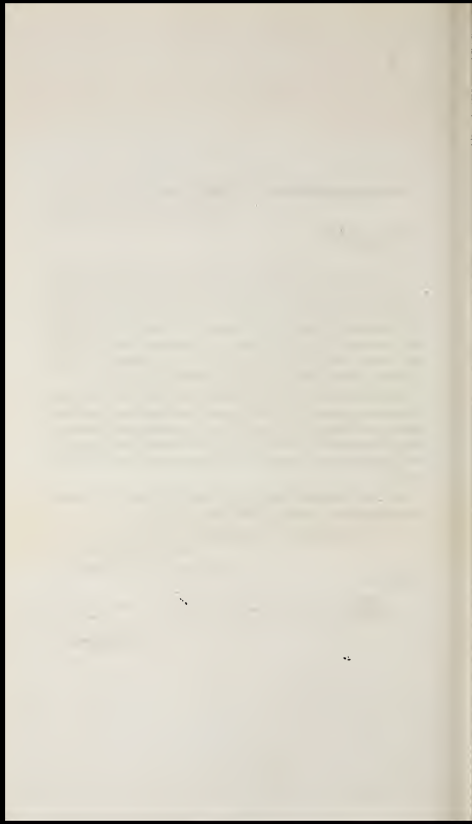
GEO. D. RUGGLES,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, August 29, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 11. }

As the Ordnance Depot at Omaha has been discontinued, officers detailed to inspect ordnance property will specify the Leavenworth Arsenal at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in cases where they may recommend unserviceable stores to be turned into Depot. Such stores only as may be clearly of a repairable nature, and may be fit for issue after such repairs, will be ordered to the Depot. All worn-out leather-work of accoutrements, curry-combs, horse-brushes, blankets, etc., may be recommended to be dropped, as such property is not worth transportation.

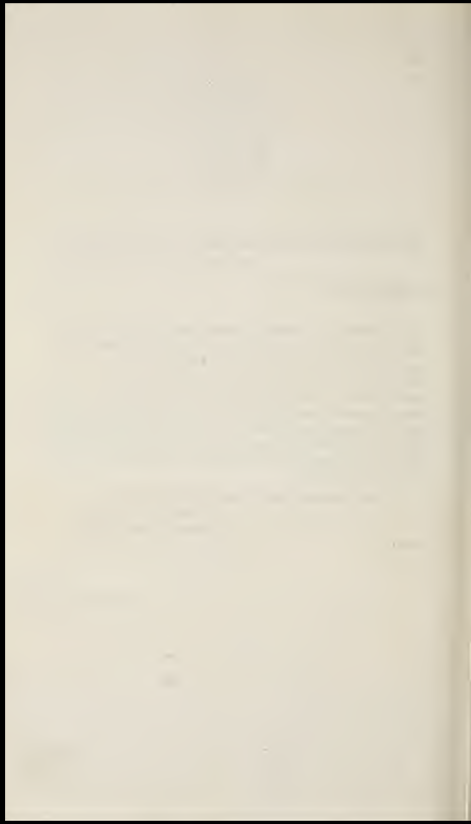
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Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, September 30, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 12. }

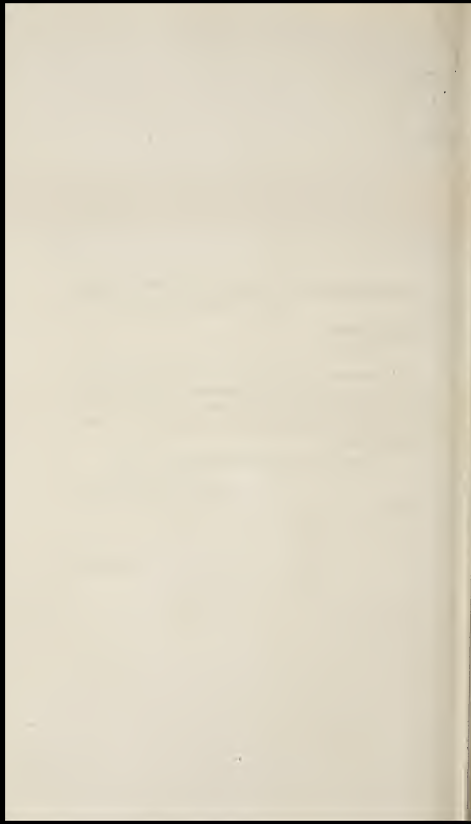
First Lieutenant *Callen Bryant*, Ordnance Department, is relieved from duty in this Department and will proceed to comply with the provisions of Paragraph 3, Special Orders, No. 178, current series, from the War Department, Adjutant-General's Office.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, October 11, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 13.

I...Prior to its issue by the contractor, fresh beef should be inspected. Should it be deemed, on such inspection, to be unfit for issue, or of a quality inferior to that required by the contract, a survey should be held thereon at once. Boards of Survey, appointed to act on fresh beef, must be constituted as required by the stipulations of the beef contract. In this connection, attention is called to Article fifth, Form 37, Subsistence Regulations.

II...From and after the first day of November, 1873, soldiers of the first class, at target practice, will fire habitually from the shoulder, and at a distance of three hundred yards, the men taking that position which suits them best. The target will be seventy-two by forty-four inches, and measurements to determine the "average distance of hits from the centre," and "distance of best shot from centre" will be taken from the centre of the bull's-eye to the centre of the bullet hole.

III...Hereafter whenever a soldier deserts from any post in the Department, the Post commander will telegraph the fact to the commanders of the nearest military stations on the railroad, east and west, together with a brief description of the man. They will also telegraph the same information to operators of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, who may be on the probable line of travel of the deserter. Superintendent *Sickels*, of the Union Pacific Railroad, has ordered all the operators and conductors along the line of the road to give information to military posts, en route, of deserters attempting to travel on trains. In such cases, the Post commanders notified, will cause the cars to be boarded by an officer, and have the deserters arrested. Post commanders will report to these Headquarters the names of officers and men who may be specially successful in the arrest of deserters, in order that they may be held in remembrance when favors can be extended to them.

IV...Every Post commander in the Department will report to these Headquarters, by mail, immediately upon the escape of any prisoner from the post guard-house, giving a full report of the name of the man, his offence, and the particulars of his escape.

V...All Company commanders in this Department will at once make requisition on the Chief Quartermaster of the Department for good locks for arm racks in their respective company quarters.

After the receipt of these locks, arm racks will be kept locked, except when opened for issue of arms.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, October 18, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 14. }

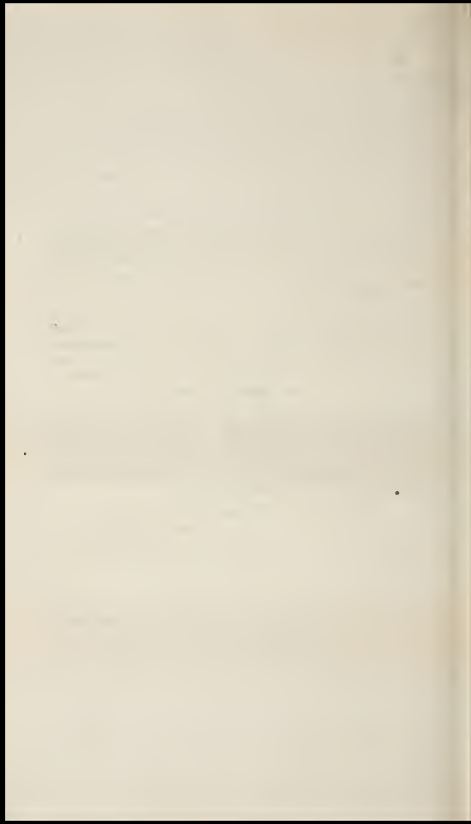
Post commanders in this Department will at once have made up and forwarded to these Headquarters, estimates, accompanied by plans, for all repairs or new buildings which may be needed at their posts during the fiscal year commencing with July 1st, 1874. These estimates will be accompanied by a letter which should state in detail the necessity for the expenditure, its probable aggregate amount, and in case new or permanent buildings are estimated for, the letter should state the age and condition of those to be replaced, and the comparative advantages of stone, wood or adobes for walls, and of iron or shingles for roofs.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, November 1, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 15.

Captain *William H. Nash*, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. Army, having reported to the Commanding General in obedience to Paragraph 1, Special Orders, No. 183, current series, War Department, is announced as Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department, relieving Captain *J. W. Barriger*, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. Army.

Upon being relieved by Captain *Nash*, Captain *Barriger* will comply with the provisions of Paragraph 1, Special Orders, No. 183, current series, War Department, assigning him to duty in the office of the Commissary General of Subsistence, Washington.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

H. G. LITCHFIELD,

Captain 2d Artillery, Aide-de-Camp.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, November 11, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 16. }

The following communication from the War Department, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned :

“WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, October 24, 1873.

To the
Commanding Officer,
Department of the Platte,
Omaha, Nebraska.

SIR :

It appearing that, notwithstanding the provisions of General Orders, No. 25, March 12, 1873, from this office, there is still often imposed on post quartermasters, by the multiplication of voluminous returns required of them, more clerical labor than is consistent with the proper performance of other important duties, the Secretary of War directs, that in future post quartermasters be required to render Forms 1, 3, 7, 10, 27, 28, and 45, Quartermaster's Department, only as follows, viz: one copy or set to the *Quartermaster General* direct; and one other set of such of these forms as are now required at the respective Division, Department, or District Headquarters, to be transmitted to their destination through the intermediate Headquarters requiring them. Each office through which they are transmitted will make extracts of such portions as may be deemed necessary for the conduct of its business.

Should further information at any time be required at Department or District Headquarters it can be called for in special cases.

The Secretary further directs such reduction of the clerical force at posts as a compliance with these instructions may render practicable.

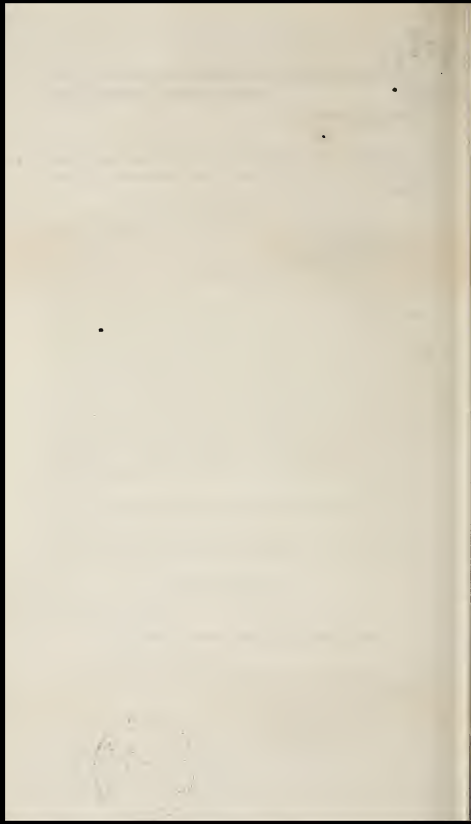
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) E. D. TOWNSEND,
Adjutant General."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD :

H. G. LITCHFIELD,
*Captain 2d Artillery, Aide-de-Camp,
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.*

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.



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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, November 20, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 17. }

I...Hereafter, prisoners, when convicted and sentenced to confinement in a military prison, will not be required to perform fatigue duty with other prisoners at the post, while awaiting transportation to such military prison.

II...Post commanders will personally inspect the post prison rooms and cells from time to time, and promptly make requisitions for such material as may be needed to keep them secure. They will require morning and evening inspections of the prisoners and their irons by the officer of the day, or guard, and inspections, at every relief, of those awaiting transportation to Fort Madison, or awaiting trial for desertion.

III...As escapes of prisoners are almost always due to carelessness or neglect, in all cases of escape of prisoners from the guard, or guard-house, the Post commander will carefully investigate the circumstances attending such escape, and will cause proper charges to be preferred against the officer of the day, officer of the guard, the non-commissioned officer or the sentinel who may be found to have been the most culpable or careless person in the premises.

IV...In addition to the estimates called for by General Orders, No. 14, current series, from these Headquarters, Post commanders will, where such is needed, include for a secure guard-house with suitable inner prison room for general prisoners.

V...On the 31st day of December, 1873, a list of quartermaster's stores, and a list of clothing, camp and garrison equipage on hand at each post, station, and depot in the Department, will be prepared, and forwarded as soon as possible after that date, to the office of the Chief Quartermaster of the Department. The lists should be made in duplicate,

and the articles should be arranged in the order in which they appear on the Property Returns, and the condition of each article should be reported.

VI...Each Post commander in the Department will at once forward a report showing the number of stoves on hand, the size, whether large, medium, or small, the kind, whether wood or coal, heating or cooking, condition, and where and by whom used. The report will also show what arrangements can be made at each post for the comfortable quartering of civilian employees, whereby a less number of stoves will be needed for them. The attention of Post commanders is invited to the fact that laundresses are not supplied with stoves by the Quartermaster's Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

H. G. LITCHFIELD,

Captain 2d Artillery, Aide-de-Camp,

Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

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Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, November 26, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 18. }

I...The Honorable Secretary of War having directed that no money be remitted from the appropriation for barracks and quarters to pay mechanics, the Department Commander directs the immediate discharge of all mechanics paid from that appropriation, at posts and depots in this Department, except where special appropriation has been made for repairs, or new buildings, and notice given that funds therefor have been or will be furnished.

II...Post commanders are to consider that the object of the bi-monthly inspections required in General Orders, No. 5, and Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 13, of 1872, from these Headquarters, is to insure such a supervision of the staff of their post, that after the receipt by Boards of Survey of supplies, such as forage, fuel, &c., in good condition, no Board of Survey can relieve a staff officer for losses or damages which a proper care or foresight might have prevented. If hay or wood, after being received as good, is properly stacked on receipt, and proper precautions taken, by burning the dry grass around the stacks, to prevent loss by prairie fires, and coal, after being received as good, is properly issued to include the slack, Boards of Survey to account for losses due to prairie fires, dampness, or slacking in coal, will not be necessary.

In a case of the failure of a Post commander to perform his share of the duty neglected, the Department Commander has, in a previous instance, recommended that the stoppage for a loss sustained by such failure, be divided equally between the Commander and the staff officer, which was done.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

H. G. LITCHFIELD,
*Captain 2d Artillery, Aide-de-Camp,
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, November 27, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS,)
No. 19. }

Captain *John P. Hawkins*, Commissary of Subsistence U. S. Army, having reported to the Commanding General in obedience to Paragraph 2, Special Orders, No. 223, current series, War Department, is announced as Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department, relieving Captain *William H. Nash*, Commissary of Subsistence U. S. Army.

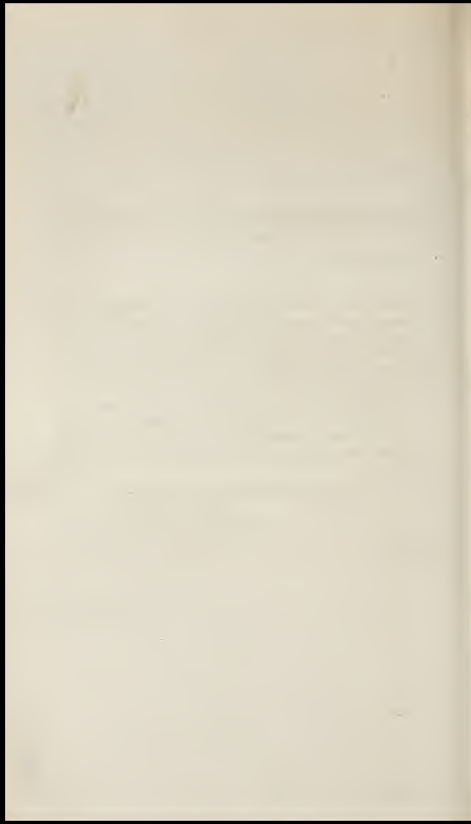
Upon being relieved by Captain *Hawkins*, Captain *Nash* will comply with the provisions of Paragraph 2, Special Orders, No. 223, current series, War Department, assigning him to duty as Purchasing and Depot Commissary at Louisville, Kentucky.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

H. G. LITCHFIELD,
Captain 2d Artillery, Aide-de-Camp,
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, January 27, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 1. }

I...Colonel *J. J. Reynolds*, 3d Cavalry, is hereby assigned to the command of Fort D. A. Russell, to which post the Headquarters of the 3d Cavalry are hereby transferred from Fort McPherson. The Regimental Quartermaster, the Quartermaster Sergeant and the Regimental Band, 3d Cavalry, will remain at Fort McPherson until further orders. Colonel *Reynolds*, with his Adjutant, Sergeant Major, Regimental clerks and records, will proceed to join his station.

II...Lieutenant Colonel *George A. Woodward*, 14th Infantry, is hereby relieved from the command of Sidney Barracks, and is assigned to the command of Fort McPherson, and of the District of the Republican, Headquarters at Fort McPherson. He will proceed to join his station.

III...Major *N. A. M. Dudley*, 3d Cavalry, is relieved from duty at Fort McPherson and assigned to the command of Sidney Barracks. He will proceed to join his station.

IV...The Headquarters of the 8th Infantry, with the commissioned and non-commissioned staff and band, will remain at Fort D. A. Russell, for the present. The Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment will remain at Beaver. The Regimental Adjutant will communicate by mail with the Lieutenant Colonel, commanding the regiment, touching all matters requiring the action of the Regimental commander.

V...The District of the South Platte is hereby established, to comprise all that part of the Department lying south of Latitude $41^{\circ} 45'$, and between Sidney Barracks, exclusive of that post, and Longitude $106\frac{1}{2}$, inclusive of such parts of the Union Pacific Railroad between those points, as may be north of Latitude $41^{\circ} 45'$; Headquarters Fort D. A. Russell. Colonel *J. J. Reynolds*, 3d Cavalry, is assigned to the command.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, February 9, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 2. }

Under the instructions of the Secretary of War, as communicated by the Quartermaster General under date of January 27, 1874, and the provisions of General Orders, No. 1, current series, from Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, the allowance for the hire of civilians in the Quartermaster's Department in this command has been reduced seventy-five per centum, to be attained by the discharge of employees or reduction of wages.

The following is now established as the maximum allowance per month, viz:—

For the Depot at Omaha,	-	-	-	\$2,925
For the Depot at Cheyenne,	-	-	-	\$1,000
For the office of the Chief Quartermaster, Omaha,				\$750
For clerk, Assistant Quartermaster U. S. Army, at Camp Douglas,	-	-	-	\$125
For the Quartermaster's employees at Ogden,	-			\$150
For the Quartermaster's Agent at Bryan,	-			\$105
For the Telegraph operator at Fort Fetterman, (tem- porary),	-	-	-	\$75
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All civilian employees in the Quartermaster's Department within this command, not provided for under this schedule, will be immediately discharged.

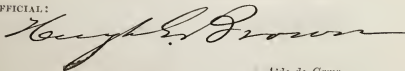
The Chief Quartermaster will furnish to these Headquarters, as soon as practicable, a report showing the number of employees retained after the reduction herein ordered, the rate of pay of each one of them, with a statement showing where and how they are employed.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, February 16, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

I...Upon the recommendation of the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, so much of General Orders, No. 6, of 1872, from these Headquarters, as requires a monthly report of shipments over the Union Pacific Railroad to be made to his office, by officers of this command serving in the Quartermaster's Department, is hereby rescinded.

II...At stations where the monthly receipts of subsistence stores, from ordinary sales, are in excess of what may be required to pay outstanding accounts and the current expenses of the month, the Post Commissary will, on the first of every month, report to the Paymaster who pays the troops, the amount of such excess and the kinds of currency. The amounts so reported, will be turned over to the Paymaster when he comes to make payment to the troops, receiving in exchange his check on some Eastern Depository, which check will be invoiced, without delay, to the Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, April 21, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 4. }

1. Hereafter at posts in this Department, situated on or near a line of railroad west of Cheyenne, including Fort Bridger, there will be made, on the first day of every month, a requisition, in single, for such subsistence stores for issues and sales, as may be required for the number of days following, viz:

The first of September, October, November and December, for 150 days; January 1st, for 100 days; February 1st, for 80 days; March 1st for 70 days; the first of April, May, June, July and August, for 60 days.

At posts situated on or near a railroad east of Cheyenne, including Cheyenne Depot, Forts D. A. Russell and McPherson, requisitions will be made as follows, viz:

The first of October, November, December and January, for 90 days; February 1st, for 70 days; the first of March, April, May, June, July, August and September, for 60 days.

At posts not on or near a line of railroad, such as Laramie, Fetterman, Stambaugh, Brown, Beaver, Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Agencies, as follows, viz:

September 1st, for 270 days; October 1st, for 240 days; November 1st, for 210 days; December 1st, for 180 days; January 1st, for 150 days; February 1st, for 120 days.

At Laramie and Stambaugh, on the 1st of March, for 90 days; the 1st of April, May, June, July and August, for 70 days.

At Fetterman, Brown, Beaver, Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Agencies, on the 1st of March, April, May, June, July and August, 90 days.

At Omaha Barracks, on the first of every month, for 50 days.

At all posts, requisitions for Commissary Property will be made, in single, on the first of September, for nine months, and on the first of March, for seven months.

In making requisitions, no article will be entered unless a

supply of it is wanted, and, to prevent duplication, the amounts on the preceding requisition, if not yet received, will be added to the amounts on hand and be considered a part thereof, unless the Post Commissary may have been notified that the preceding requisition had been cut down or increased to certain amounts, in which case the approved amounts will be added.

The rate of consumption of each article should be carefully considered, so that, by a frequent renewal of the stores according to actual consumption, there will be avoided the carrying of large amounts of surplus and deteriorating stores.

It is desirable that the requisitions be made punctually on the first of the month, in order that those from the different posts may reach the Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department as early in the month as possible, and at nearly the same time.

But one requisition should be made in each month, and this rule can be easily observed if the Post commander will require the Post Commissary to give, on the first of the month, a moderate degree of attention to the study of the wants of the post. Accidental circumstances may, however, render intermediate requisitions necessary.

There have been instances where complaint has been made, on the reception of an article at a post, that the price exceeded what it could have been purchased for in the vicinity.—Where such is the case, it is probably the fault of the Post Commissary, for Paragraph 1184, Army Regulations, 1863, requires that when a requisition is made for subsistence stores it shall be stated whether it would be advantageous to purchase any of the articles in the vicinity; and particular attention will be paid this requirement when requisition is made for fresh vegetables and butter. The letter of transmittal should give all the information on the subject. The attention of Post commanders is called to the following Paragraph of General Orders No. 4, Department of the Platte, 1872.

“II...To prevent an unnecessary accumulation of some of the articles issued as equivalents in the same part of the

ration so as to become stale and unfit for issue, and a corresponding deficiency of others so as to deprive the complete ration of the variety contemplated by law and regulations, commanding officers will keep themselves advised * * of the number of rations of each article on hand, and, from time to time, as the state of the supplies may require, announce in orders what relative proportions of the different articles in the same part of the ration, as pork and bacon, flour, hard bread and corn-meal; beans, peas, rice, and hominy; green coffee, roasted coffee and tea, &c., shall be drawn for and issued."

In order to secure a more general observance of the above paragraph, and to give more exactness to the expression "from time to time," it is further directed that the order fixing the relative proportion of equivalent articles, shall be issued the latter part of every month, to take effect in the issues for the succeeding month.

II...Paragraph II, General Orders, No. 3, current series, from these Headquarters, is amended to read as follows:

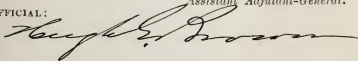
At stations where the monthly receipts of subsistence funds, from ordinary sales, are in excess of what may be required to pay outstanding accounts and the current expenses of the month, the Post Commissary will, on the first of every month, report to the Paymaster who pays the troops, the amount of such excess and the kinds of currency. The amounts so reported will be turned over to the Paymaster when he comes to make payment to the troops, who will give in exchange his check on some Eastern Depository, which will be invoiced, without delay, to the Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department.

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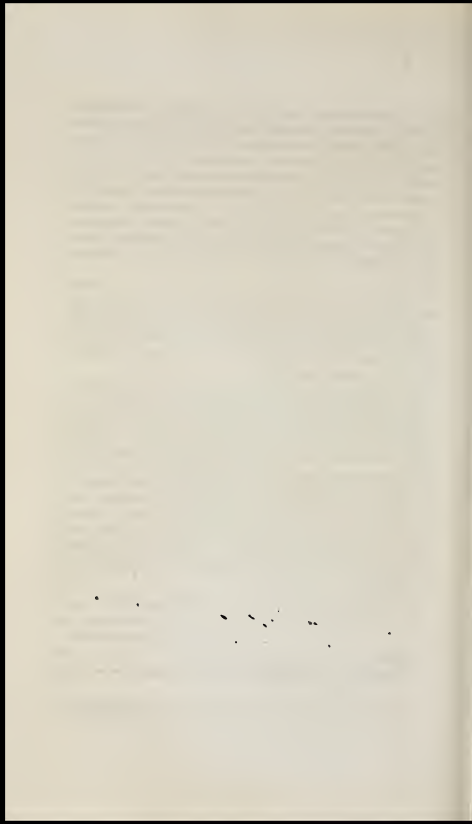
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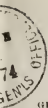
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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, May 25, 1871.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 5.

I...The attention of Company commanders is called to the necessity for the exercise of greater care in preparing estimates for clothing. The new uniform coats and trousers of sizes 3, 4 and 5, both mounted and foot, are made according to new and revised patterns, and their alteration before issue to troops is very seldom necessary. Company Commanders are especially warned against obtaining uniform coats with a view to their alteration, as the cost of ripping them apart and putting them together again is very great as compared with the cost of altering the old pattern uniform coat.

Company commanders are also informed that the appropriation for clothing is barely sufficient to purchase the annual allowance for the army, and that their estimates should be made for not more than ten per cent. in excess of the annual allowance.

The trade sizes of hats and caps, and the corresponding sizes adopted by the Quartermaster's Department, are as follows:

Trade sizes, $6\frac{3}{4}$, $6\frac{7}{8}$, 7, $7\frac{1}{8}$, $7\frac{1}{4}$, $7\frac{3}{8}$, corresponding to sizes used in Quartermaster's Department, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

II...The District of the Green River, as established by Paragraph II, General Orders, No. 10, of 1873, from these Headquarters, is hereby abolished.

III...Post commanders will hereafter report, in their bi-monthly inspection reports of Posts, the number of serviceable and unserviceable horses in each company of cavalry stationed at their respective posts.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, June 26, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

I...Captain *William S. Stanton*, Corps of Engineers, having reported to the Commanding General in obedience to Paragraph 1, Special Orders, No. 112, current series, from the War Department, is announced as Chief Engineer of the Department.

II...Captain *William A. Jones*, Corps of Engineers, will turn over to his successor, Captain *W. S. Stanton*, all funds and property appertaining to his office as Engineer Officer of the Department—and will be relieved from duty at these Headquarters on the 30th instant, to enable him to comply with the provisions of Paragraph 1, Special Orders, No. 112, current series, from the War Department, assigning him to duty upon fortifications in the harbor of New York.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, July 23, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7. }

I...To enable him to comply with the provisions of Paragraph 12, Special Orders, No. 149, current series, from the War Department, appointing him President of the Army Medical Examining Board, to assemble in New York City on the 4th proximo, Surgeon *Joseph B. Brown*, Medical Department, will be relieved from duty as Medical Director of this Department on the 31st instant.

II.. In addition to his other duties, Surgeon *Charles Page*, Medical Department, will act as Medical Director of this Department until the arrival of the medical officer ordered to that duty.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, July 28, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 8. }

The Commanding General announces with very great satisfaction the successful result of an expedition, under the command of Captain *Alfred E. Bates*, 2d Cavalry, sent from Camp Brown, on the 1st instant, to punish certain indians who had been committing depredations in the vicinity of Wind River and South Pass.

Captain *Bates*' command consisted of Company B, 2d Cavalry, twenty Shoshone Indian Scouts, under command of Second Lieutenant *Robert H. Young*, 4th Infantry, and one hundred and sixty-seven Shoshone Indians, under their Chief *Washakie*. It marched at night only, and struck the indians at daylight on the 4th instant. The Shoshone indians by their shouts and yells prevented a complete surprise of the enemy, and, with the exception of *Washakie* and his best men, failed to co-operate with the troops. The attack was mainly made by Captain *Bates*, Lieutenants *Robinson* and *Young*, and Company B, 2d Cavalry,—thirty-five enlisted men.

The result of the fight was twenty-five indians known to have been killed, a large number wounded, and over two hundred ponies captured. Our loss—killed—Privates *James M. Walker*, *Peter F. Engell*, Company B, 2d Cavalry, and two Shoshone Indians. Wounded—Second Lieutenant *Robert H. Young*, 4th Infantry, severely, shot through the thigh; Private *French*, left eye shot out; Privates *Gabell* and *Pierson*, flesh wounds, and two Shoshone Indians.

Captain *Bates* reports the brave conduct of *Washakie* and some of his men, and adds:

"I must particularly commend to notice, and extend my thanks to Lieutenant *Young*, commanding the Scouts, and Lieutenant *Robinson* of my company. The former did all it was possible for mortal to do, to get something out of the

Shoshones, and nearly lost his life in attempting to get them to take advantage of the proper moment to get possession of the rocks, from which, afterwards, the Indians kept the control of their village. The latter was with me in the village, where he was particularly conspicuous for his gallantry and coolness.

Where all did well, it is difficult to pick out some as more conspicuous than others, but the following non-commissioned officers are particularly worthy of mention for their great gallantry: 1st Sergeant *Barrett* Sergeants *Jackson*, *Bolen* and *Altix*, and Corporal *Smith*."

The fact that three officers and thirty-five men, impeded, rather than assisted by their Indian allies, successfully attacked and carried a village of one hundred and twelve lodges, killing twenty-five, and wounding a large number of the enemy, and this, without the advantage of a complete surprise, is sufficient evidence of the quality of the troops, and of their gallantry upon this occasion.

The Commanding General extends to Captain *Bates*, to Lieutenant *Robinson*, to Lieutenant *Young*, to the men of Company B, 2d Cavalry, to Mr. *Cosgrove*, a citizen who accompanied the troops, and to *Washakie* and his best men, his sincere thanks for the signal service thus performed by them.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

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Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, August 1, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 9. }

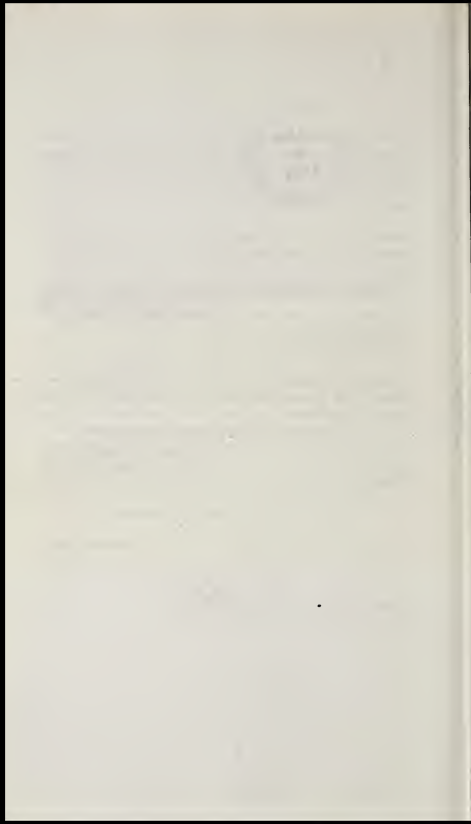
During the absence, on sick leave, of Major *Simeon Smith*, Major *C. M. Terrell*, Paymaster, will act as Chief Paymaster of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, August 5, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 10. }

In obedience to General Orders, No. 5, current series, from Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, the following distribution of troops is hereby ordered, viz:

1. Upon the arrival of Company G, (*Wheaton's*), 23d Infantry, at Omaha Barracks, the Headquarters and Companies E, (*Pollock's*), and H, (*Burt's*), 9th Infantry, will proceed by rail to Cheyenne, march thence to Fort Laramie, and there take post.

2. On the arrival of the Colonel 9th Infantry, at Cheyenne, Company B, (*Devlin's*), 9th Infantry, will be relieved from duty at Fort D. A. Russell, and will report to him to accompany him to Fort Laramie and there take post.

3. Upon the arrival of the Headquarters 9th Infantry, at Fort Laramie, the Colonel of that regiment will relieve the Colonel of the 14th Infantry in command of the District of the Black Hills and of the Sioux Expedition.

The Headquarters and Companies A, (*Bainbridge's*), B, (*Kennington's*), C, (*Burke's*), H, (*Atchison's*), and K, (*Carpenter's*), 14th Infantry, will, thereupon, be relieved from duty at Fort Laramie, will march to Cheyenne, proceed thence by rail to Camp Douglas, and there take post.

4. Upon the arrival of the Headquarters 14th Infantry, at Camp Douglas, Company H, (*Bisbee's*), 4th Infantry, and the Headquarters, with Companies D, (*Ellis's*), E, (*Nugent's*), H, (*DeCourcy's*), and I, (*McGinness's*), 13th Infantry, will be relieved from duty there, and will proceed by rail to take post as follows, viz:

Company H, (*Bisbee's*), 4th Infantry, at Fort Bridger;

Regimental Quartermaster, Quartermaster Sergeant, Band and two companies, 13th Infantry, at Fort Fred. Steele;

One company, 13th Infantry, at Fort Sanders;

Lieutenant Colonel, Regimental Adjutant, Sergeant Major and one company, 13th Infantry, at Sidney Barracks.

The designation of companies of the 13th Infantry, now at Camp Douglas, for these assignments, will be made by the Regimental commander.

The Headquarters of the regiment will be established, temporarily, at Sidney Barracks.

5. Upon the arrival at Fort Sanders of the company of the 13th Infantry, under orders for that station, Company F,

(*Dost's*), 14th Infantry, will be relieved from duty there, and will proceed to Camp Douglas, and there take post.

6. Upon the arrival of the Lieutenant Colonel, 13th Infantry, at Sidney Barracks, Major *N. A. M. Dudley*, 3d Cavalry, will be relieved from duty at that station, and will proceed to Fort McPherson and assume command of that post.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation for these movements.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD :

GEO. D. RUGGLES,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, August 7, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 11. }

On account of the limited appropriation for incidental expenses, no more than two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, per month, can be allowed for payment of extra duty men in this Department. This amount will permit the employment of two hundred men at twenty cents per diem, and one hundred men at thirty-five cents per diem.

The following allotment of extra duty men, with their per diem compensation, is hereby established for the several posts in the command, viz :

POSTS.	EXTRA DUTY MEN.		TOTAL
	@ 35c	@ 20c	
Omaha Barracks,	9	20	29
Post on the Loup,	2	3	5
Fort McPherson,	2	5	7
North Platte.	2	2	4
Sidney Barracks,	4	7	11
Fort D. A. Russell,	7	15	22
Cheyenne Depot,	2	2	4
Fort Sanders,	4	7	11
Fort Fred. Steele,	6	13	19
Fort Bridger,	5	10	15
Camp Stambaugh,	3	7	10
Camp Brown,	3	7	10
Camp Douglas,	7	15	22
Fort Cameron,	7	13	20
Fort Laramie,	12	23	35
Camp Robinson,	9	17	26
Camp at Spotted Tail Agency,	8	17	25
Fort Fetterman,	8	17	25
TOTAL: - - -	100	200	300

A sufficient amount of funds to pay the extra duty men herein allowed, and no more, will be furnished, monthly, by the Chief Quartermaster to the several posts in the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD :

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, August 15, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 12. }

I...Paragraph I, General Orders, No. 17, of 1873, from these Headquarters, is amended to read:

Hereafter, prisoners convicted and sentenced to military prison, or awaiting trial or sentence for desertion, will not be required to perform fatigue duty with other prisoners at the post.

II...Commanding officers of infantry companies which have received the new pattern Springfield Rifles, calibre .45, are authorized to practice at target drills at the distance of one hundred yards from the target, in order that their men may become acquainted with the qualities of the arm.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, August 19, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 13.

The drawing and surveying instruments, issued by the Engineer Department, for use at posts in this Department, will be receipted for by Post Quartermasters on memorandum receipts, in duplicate, to the Chief Engineer Officer of the Department, and will be accounted for by such Quartermasters on Returns of Engineer Property, to be sent, quarterly, to the Chief Engineer of the Department. These instruments will, in no case, be confounded with property belonging to the Quartermaster's Department.

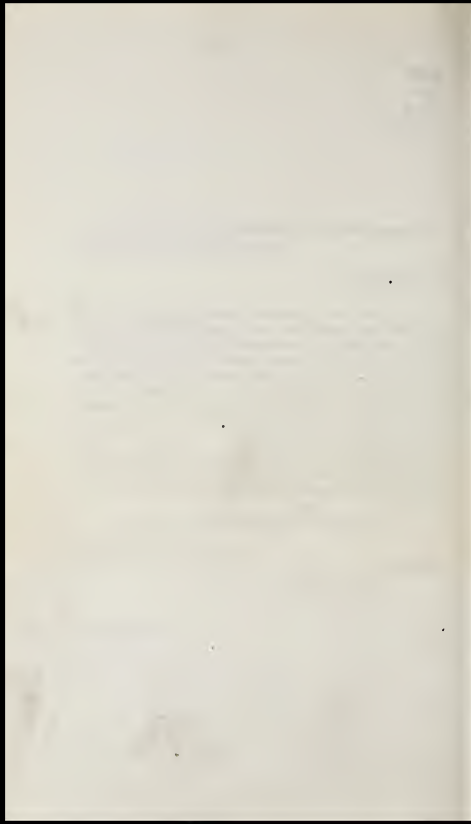
Post commanders will inspect these instruments at each bi-monthly inspection, and will report the condition thereof in their regular bi-monthly inspection reports to these Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, August 29, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 14.

The Commanding General takes great pleasure in commending the bravery and efficiency of Acting Assistant Surgeon *Thomas G. Mayhew*, U. S. Army, in the engagement between Company B, 2d Cavalry, and hostile Indians on the 4th of July, 1874, just brought to his attention through a supplemental report of Captain *Bates*, 2d Cavalry.

Dr. *Mayhew* went into the engagement with the troops, and, under a severe fire, attended the wounded with all the care and coolness possible in his hospital.

While dressing the wound of Private *Gable*, he was the object of the direct fire of an Indian, partly hidden in a ravine, until, laying down his instruments for a moment, he took his carbine and, stepping out a few paces, killed the Indian and then returned quietly to his work.

To his skill and unremitting attention in transporting the wounded on horseback one hundred miles from the scene of action before reaching ambulances, Captain *Bates* attributes the lives of several of his men.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD;

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, September 10, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 15.

I...Officers charged with the sale of Quartermaster's stores and clothing, camp and garrison equipage will forward promptly, to the office of the Chief Quartermaster of this Department, copies of all posters or notices by which such sales may be advertised.

II...Soldiers enlisted here, or east of here, and discharged in this Department, may receive transportation in kind to Omaha, provided they retain their final statements for payment here; but, in cases where they elect to present their final papers for payment to the nearest Paymaster on the route to place of enlistment, they will be entitled to transportation in kind to such Paymaster only, and to the usual traveling allowances beyond.

Great care will be taken:

First; To endorse on final papers the distance for which transportation has been furnished in kind:

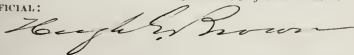
Second; To notify the nearest Paymaster, in each case of discharge, whether the soldier elects to be paid by him or not:

And Third; To notify the Chief Paymaster, at Omaha, of the names of such men as elect to be paid here, in advance of their arrival in this city, as required by Paragraph V, General Orders, No. 44, of 1871, and Paragraph III, General Orders, No. 23, of 1872, from these Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD;

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha Nebraska, September 22, 1874.

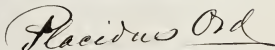
GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 16. }

Lieutenant Colonel *Cuvier Grover*, 3d Cavalry, is assigned to duty at these Headquarters as Acting Assistant Inspector General for the Department of the Platte; and is hereby announced accordingly.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis Ord". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Aide-de-Camp".

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, October 14, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 17. }

Requisitions for stoves or other articles, to replace stores worn out, will be accompanied by the report of a Board of officers on the articles to be replaced, showing the condition thereof, and place of use at time of their examination by the Board. Each requisition for stoves will also be accompanied by a certificate from the Post commander, that the number of serviceable stoves at the post does not exceed the following allowance, viz :

For each company.	{ One small and three large heating stoves, and one large cooking range.
For each officer's kitchen, and the officers' mess.	{ One family range.
For each authorized room for officers, excluding kitchens.	{ One heating stove.
For offices of Commanding officer, Quartermaster, Commissary of Subsistence, the Guard room, and Subsistence store house, respectively.	{ One heating stove.
For mess of citizen employees.	| One small range.
For each authorized room, as quarters, for citizen employees.	{ One heating stove.

Requisitions herein specified, when forwarded without the reports and certificates herein required, will not receive attention at these Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD :

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, October 24, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 19. }

Surgeon *John E. Summers*, Medical Department, having reported at these Headquarters in obedience to Paragraph 1, Special Orders, No. 200, current series, from the War Department, is hereby announced as Medical Director of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, October 28, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 20. }

Paragraph V, General Orders, No. 13, of 1873, from these Headquarters, is amended to read as follows:

All Company commanders in this Department will at once make requisition on the quartermaster at their respective stations for good locks for arm racks in their company quarters. The quartermaster at the station will then make requisition, on the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, for the number of locks for arm racks needed at his station.

After the receipt of these locks by Company commanders, arm racks will be kept locked, except when opened for issues of arms.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, November 11, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 21. }

I...Paragraph 2, of instructions as contained in General Orders, No. 103, current series, from the War Department, will not be held to conflict with existing instructions, from these Headquarters, for weekly target practice and consolidated reports thereof.

The allowance of ten cartridges per man per month, established by that order, will, however, supersede the allowance of twelve cartridges per month authorized by Paragraph 1, General Orders, No. 9, of 1872, from these Headquarters.

In months including four practices, three cartridges per man will be fired on the first and third practice days, and two cartridges per man on the second and fourth practice days: in months including five practices, two cartridges per man will be fired on each practice day.

II...The allowance of stoves at military posts in this Department, as established in General Orders, No. 17, current series, from these Headquarters, is increased as follows:

For each Hospital.

{ One range for kitchen, and
one stove for dispensary and
one for each necessary fire for
the sick, to be regulated by the
Surgeon and Commanding officer.

For each telegraph office {
where there is an operator. { One stove.

For Court-Martial Room, {
School Room, and Chapel, { One stove.
respectively. }

For each blacksmith's {
shop, carpenter's shop, or { One small stove.
saddler's shop. }

For each six civilian em- {
ployees to whom fuel is al- { One small stove.
lowed. }

For each wagon and forage master, Sergeant Major, Ordnance Sergeant, Saddler Sergeant, Commissary Sergeant, Hospital Steward, Regimental Veterinary Surgeon, Chief Trumpeter and Principal Musician.

One small stove.

For each Guard house.

The number of stoves will be fixed by the Post Commander, in accordance with the allowance of wood authorized in General Orders, No. 18, current series, from the War Department, at the rate of one stove for each cord of wood allowed per month during the winter months.

An application for the issue or sale of stoves to laundresses having been unfavorably considered at Washington, no allowance can be authorized for them.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, November 27, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 22. }

I...The Post on the North Fork of the Loup River, Neb., heretofore a sub-station of Omaha Barracks, Neb., is hereby announced as an independent post.

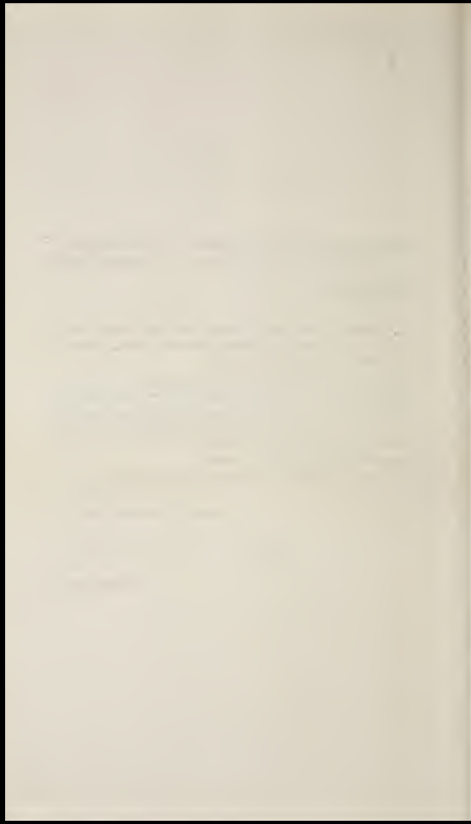
II...Post commanders, in their bi-monthly reports of inspections of their respective posts, will hereafter state the amount of serviceable ammunition, with calibre, on hand, not in hands of troops, in lieu of the information heretofore required touching ordnance and ordnance stores, not in hands of troops, at their respective posts.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Placidus Ord
Aide-de-Camp.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, December 9, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 23. }

The following letter from the Quartermaster General is published for the information of all concerned, viz:

"WAR DEPARTMENT,"
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., November 16, 1874.

Colonel D. H. RUCKER,
Assistant Quartermaster General,
Chief Quartermaster Military Div. of the Mo.
Chicago, Illinois.

Colonel:

Complaint having been made to this office that some of the brass screwed bootees issued to troops at Fort Concha, Texas, and Fort Dodge, Kansas, were defective; that the brass screws penetrated through the insoles and hurt the feet. Samples of such shoes were ordered to be sent to this office for investigation.

Examination has shown that those complained of were fastened with screws which were originally defective. The contractor confesses that the screws used were originally bad, and stands ready to replace all that have proved defective.

It is not thought possible that all the shoes sent were in this condition.

The machine sometimes gets out of order and makes an imperfect screw, and careless workmen fail to stop and readjust it, and replace the dull screw cutter by a sharp one.

You are requested to seek information from local Quartermasters relative to defective brass screwed boots and bootees, and forward the same to this office.

Every shoe that has failed before its time will be replaced by another and another, till a good one is issued, and the

contractor will be called upon to supply the United States with a number of good shoes equal to that of the defective shoes discovered or heretofore issued and used.

Every soldier should be made good in each case.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) M. C. MEIGS,

Quartermaster General U. S. A.

Post commanders will require their Quartermasters to forward, to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, at the earliest dates possible, reports covering, from their respective posts, the information desired by the Quartermaster General relative to defective brass screwed boots and bootees.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD :

GEO. D. RUGGLE^d,

Assistant Adjutant-General

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, December 17, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 24. }

The Commanding officer of each regiment serving in this Department will send to *D. J. Cook, Esq.*, Superintendent Rocky Mountain Detective Association, Denver, Colorado, descriptive lists of all men who may have deserted from their respective regiments, while serving in the Department of the Platte, from the first day of January, 1871, to the date of receipt of this order.

Hereafter, upon the desertion of any soldier in this command, the Commanding officer of the post or detachment, from which the desertion occurs, will send, by the first mail, a copy of the man's descriptive list to Mr. *Cook*.

The Commanding officer of Fort D. A. Russell, will, from time to time, on notification from Mr. *Cook*, send a guard, under command of an officer, to Denver to obtain such deserters as may be in custody there. These deserters, on arrival at Fort D. A. Russell, will be sent by the Commanding officer, under proper guard, to their respective companies or stations.

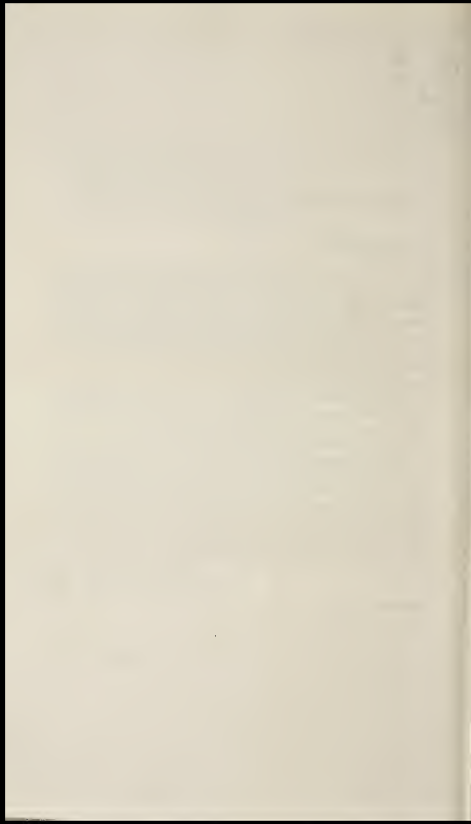
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD :

GEO. D. RUGGLES,

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, February 19, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS,)
No. 1. }

On or before the 15th day of March, 1875, the Commanding officer of each company, in this Department, will prepare, and furnish to the Acting Assistant Quartermaster at his station not later than the 20th day of March, 1875, a requisition in quadruplicate on Form 48, Quartermaster's Department, for such clothing, camp and garrison equipage as will probably be needed by the company, during the year ending June 30th, 1876, deducting on the face of the estimate the number of articles of each kind required for, that will probably be on hand for issue at the end of the present fiscal year.

Company commanders will be particular to ascertain the number of garments of each size required for their respective companies. Their requisitions will give the sizes of all articles required, and will be so complete in every other respect as to furnish all information necessary to provide satisfactorily for the requirements of their troops.

The intention of the Quartermaster's Department is to pack the clothing of each company separately, and to address it to the Company commander, so that it may follow the company wherever it may go.

On receipt of all the quadruplicate requisitions for their respective stations, Acting Assistant Quartermasters will forward them, with the least possible delay, through their respective Post commanders to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, so that they may be forwarded from these Headquarters to Division Headquarters, not later than the 15th of April. Every estimate forwarded without entries of the numbers of sizes of garments required will be returned for correction by the officer receiving it.

Acting Assistant Quartermasters will prepare, and forward through their respective Commanding officers, with these company requisitions, requisitions in quadruplicate on Form

48, Quartermaster's Department, for such quantities of clothing and equipage as will probably be needed, to meet contingencies, at their respective stations during the year ending June 30th, 1876, exclusive of quantities called for by Company commanders, deducting from the face of their estimates such quantities as will probably be on hand for issue at the end of the present fiscal year.

The appropriation for clothing is so small, and the stock on hand so reduced, that unnecessary accumulations of it at posts and depots must be avoided, and small quantities of it only be kept in store by officers of the Quartermaster's Department.

Post commanders are charged with the complete and prompt execution of so much of this order as relates to their respective commands.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, March 1, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 2. }

Post commanders will state, in their bi-monthly inspection reports, the amounts of fuel and forage taken up monthly, for the two months embraced in such reports, by the Acting Assistant Quartermaster and by each Company commander at their respective stations, under the provisions of letter of February 3d, 1875, from these Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, March 6, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

Upon the recommendation of the Commanding officer of the District of the Republican and of Fort McPherson, the sub-post of North Platte, heretofore a sub-station of Fort McPherson, is announced as an independent post.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, March 9, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 4. }

Officers serving in this Department and traveling under orders over the Union Pacific Railroad, or other land grant railroads, will obtain the regular transportation requests for such journeys from the Quartermaster's Department. Moneys paid as fares by officers and soldiers will not, under recent instructions from the managers of the Union Pacific Railroad, be refunded by the officers of the road, upon presentation of government transportation requests covering the journeys for which such fares have been paid. Similar action may be expected from other land grant railroads. Attention is called to General Orders, No. 107, of 1874, from the War Department, in the matter of land grant railroads.

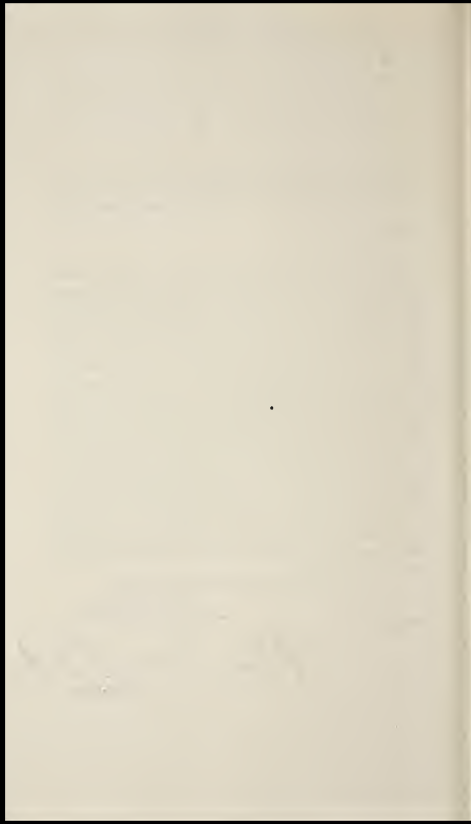
The Union Pacific Railroad will furnish the families of officers connected with the Department of the Platte, with tickets at half rates, and the same for the officers themselves when traveling on leave, upon application to the General Ticket Agent at Omaha direct, or through one of the company's agents; but will not refund moneys paid for full fares in such cases through neglect to obtain half fare permits in advance of the journeys.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Placidus Ord
Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, March 22, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

Whenever a general prisoner, sentenced to military prison and awaiting transportation thereto at any military post in this Department, shall have served out the term to which he was sentenced, counting from the date of the order promulgating the proceedings in the case, he will be released from custody by the Commanding officer of the post.

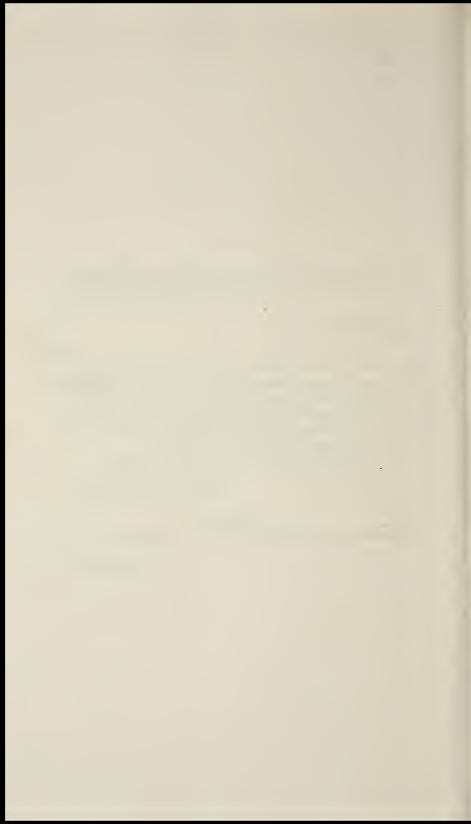
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Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha Nebraska, April 3, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

As two sets of forged discharge papers have recently been presented to the Paymaster in this city for payment, made out upon genuine official blanks which had been taken by a company clerk from a company desk, it is hereby ordered, that all blank final statements and blank discharges, that are now or may hereafter be furnished for the use of companies serving in this Department, shall be kept in the possession of the Commanding officers of such companies, in places of security, and under locks and keys.

The Commanding officers of posts are charged with the execution of this order, at their respective stations.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL ORD:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha Nebraska, April 6, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7. }

I...Under the provisions of Paragraph II, General Orders, No. 18, current series, from the War Department, the undersigned relinquishes command of the Department of the Platte.

He has to thank the officers and men of the command for their uniform zeal and energy, whenever there was an opportunity to show the same.

He cannot quit the Department, without expressing his regret to leave its citizens, whom it was a pleasure to serve. A vivid recollection of their kindness and consideration will attend him wherever he goes.

II...Until the arrival of Brigadier-General CROOK, the command of the Department of the Platte will be exercised by the Lieutenant-General.

E. O. C. ORD,
Brigadier-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha Nebraska, April 15, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8. }

Under authority contained in letter of the 9th instant, from the Adjutant General's Office, all prisoners now held in this Department, under sentences to military prison, and who have yet more than six months of such sentences to serve, will be sent, under proper guard, by their respective Post commanders, with copies of all papers in their respective cases, to the military prison at Fort Leavenworth.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation for the execution of this order, and for the guards to return to their respective stations.

The Subsistence Department will furnish commutation of rations for these parties, as it will be impracticable for them to carry subsistence in kind.

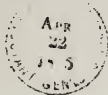
BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SHERIDAN:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha Nebraska, April 17, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 9. }

During the temporary absence of the Chief Paymaster of the Department, Major *C. M. Terrell*, Paymaster U. S. Army, will act as Chief Paymaster.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SHERIDAN:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, April 27, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 10. }

I...In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph III, General Orders, No. 18, current series, from the War Department, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the Department of the Platte.

II...Captain *Azor H. Nickerson*, 23d Infantry, and Second Lieutenant *John G. Bourke*, 3d Cavalry, are hereby announced as the Aides-de-Camp of the Commanding General.

III...Captain *A. H. Nickerson*, 23d Infantry, Aide-de-Camp, is appointed Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

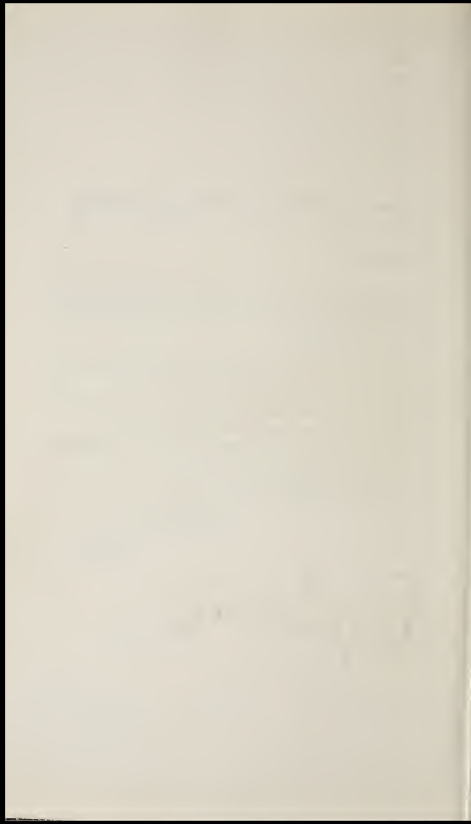
IV...Captain *Henry G. Litchfield*, 2d Artillery, is assigned to special duty at these Headquarters.

V...With the additions herein before-mentioned, the Department Staff will remain as constituted.

GEORGE CROOK,
Brigadier-General,
Commanding.

OFFICIAL:

John G. Bourke
Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, May 8, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 11. }

I...Paragraph I, General Orders, No. 17, of 1873, and Paragraph I, General Orders No. 12, of 1874, from these Headquarters, are hereby revoked.

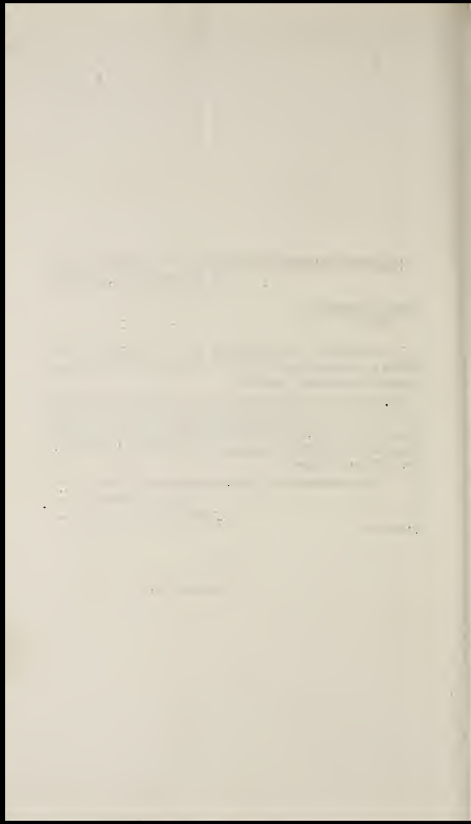
II...Company commanders, in this Department, will send to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, quarterly, a copy of their returns of Quartermaster's stores, and clothing, camp and garrison equipage, with abstracts if necessary, but without vouchers.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, May 31, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 12. }

Commanding officers of all posts in this Department will cause a survey to be carefully made, during this summer, with odometer and prismatic compass, of all routes between their posts and the Union Pacific Railroad.

The notes and a plot of the routes will be taken in the topographical note-books issued from this office, in accordance with the printed memoranda therein. The routes will also be plotted on the sheets of the map of the Department supplied for that purpose, and the note-books and the sheets with the plots of the routes thereon will be transmitted, on the completion of the survey, direct to the Chief Engineer Officer of the Department. Each route will be surveyed both going to—and returning from the railroad, and, if practicable, twice each way. In cases where there are two routes—as for instance, the two, one on each side of the North Loup River to Fort Hartsuff, and the winter and summer routes to Fort Fetterman—both will be surveyed.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

A. H. NICKERSON,
Captain 23d Infantry, A. D. C.,
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATIE,
Omaha, Nebraska, June 5, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 13. }

Major *H. C. Pratt*, Pay Department, having reported to the Commanding General in obedience to Paragraph 1, Special Orders, No. 60, current series, from the War Department, is announced as Chief Paymaster of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, June 18, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 14. }

The following reports, &c., will be furnished to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, by all officers serving in the Quartermaster's Department in this command, in lieu of those required by General Orders, No. 6, series of 1872, from these Headquarters, viz:—

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY

Statements of public funds: forwarded through Chief Quartermaster to Quartermaster General.

MONTHLY.

A copy of the "Report of persons and articles hired, Form 1," with a statement of the date and source of the authority for such employment, under the head of remarks.

A copy of the "Roll of enlisted men employed on extra duty in the Quartermaster's Department—Form 3."

A personal report, with memoranda approximately showing to what date the fuel and forage on hand will last; also showing the number of horses at the post or depot, the number of serviceable and complete six mule teams with wagons, and the number of other mules and their condition.

An abstract of "transportation orders, received, issued, cancelled, &c.," accompanied by the cancelled orders.

A copy of the "Account Current—Form 7."

"Estimate of Funds—Form 24," to be forwarded ten days preceding the month for which the funds are required.

A report of unfilled contracts.

QUARTERLY.

A "report of horses, mules and oxen, received, transferred, &c.," including company horses, and indicating the companies to which they belong.

A copy of the "Quarterly return of Quartermaster's stores, received, issued and remaining on hand—Form 27."

A copy of the Quarterly return of clothing, camp and garrison equipage—Form 45.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, September 21, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 15. }

Officers serving in this Department, whose duties require them to be mounted, will keep at least one serviceable horse, each, not public property, for their personal use.

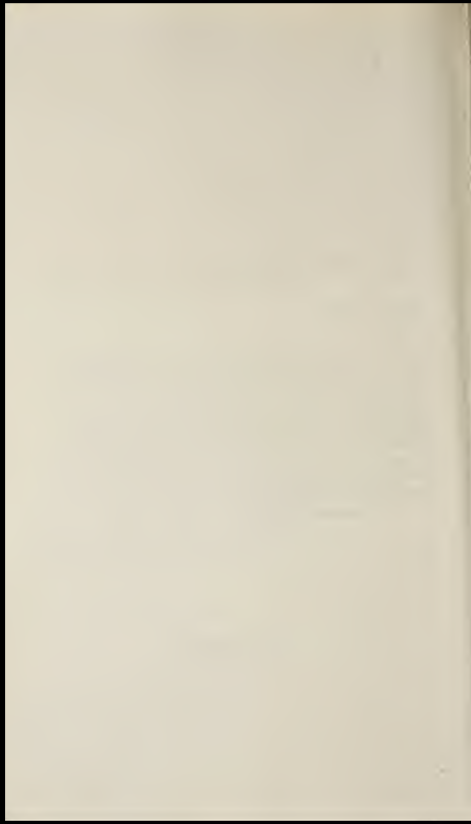
Whenever the exigencies of the service may require a mounted officer to use a public horse temporarily, either in garrison or in the field, he shall render, through his immediate commander, a special report to these Headquarters of the fact and the necessity therefor, and shall continue to make report of the same, in like manner, on the first of every month, so long as such necessity may exist.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, September 21, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 16. }

The following instructions relative to target practice are substituted for the instructions on the subject heretofore issued from these Headquarters:

1. Troops will be exercised in target practice once a week on such day, (Sunday excepted), as may be best suited to the interests of the service.

2. Until perfect steadiness and a correct aim are attained, men will be required to practice at short range, usually not to exceed thirty yards, the piece being in rest, and the body in such position as will best secure the desired results; but, with this exception, the range and manner of firing may be varied by the Commanding officer, in his discretion, the Commanding officer of the post or detachment being held responsible that all the men in his command are properly instructed, and have a reasonable degree of proficiency in the use of the arms with which they are provided.

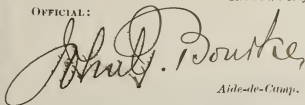
3. Uniform targets will be provided, and name of the man making the best firing will be publicly announced after each practice, and his name entered upon the reports rendered to these Headquarters, the size of the target and range being carefully noted.

4. Reports of the firing will be rendered weekly to the Post commander by Company commanders, and a consolidated monthly report will be sent to these Headquarters by the Post commander, on the last day of each month. These company and consolidated reports will show, by name, the best shot, number of shots fired, number of hits, and average distance of hits from centre of target. At the foot of each consolidated monthly report, the Post commander will add such remarks in regard to the arms and ammunition as may have been rendered necessary or proper by the practice.

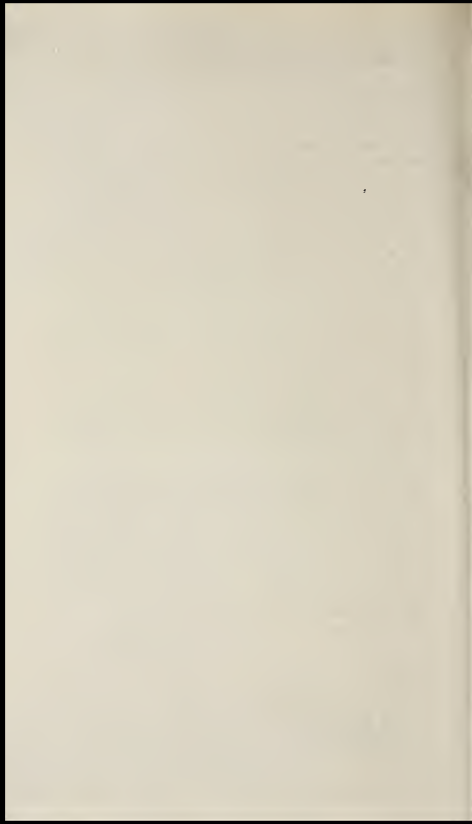
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:


Philip P. Boutwell

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, October 19, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 17. }

With a view to facilitate the payment of troops in this Department, Commanders will, when requested to do so by the Paymaster assigned to pay their commands, forward to him, as soon as practicable after muster-day, pay-rolls of their troops to be paid by him.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.

Mr. Thayer

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, October 20, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 18. }

The following allowance of disinfectants is hereby established as a three months' supply for the several posts in this Department, viz :

	<i>Sulphate of Iron.</i>	<i>Carbolized Lime.</i>
For a one company post,	300 lb	100 lb
For a two company post,	500 lb	175 lb
For a three company post,	800 lb	250 lb
For a four company post,	1,100 lb	300 lb
For a five company post,	1,300 lb	400 lb
For a six company post,	1,600 lb	500 lb

These disinfectants can be obtained by requisition on the Chief Quartermaster of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK :

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, October 25, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 19. }

The opinion of the Secretary of War, of February 5th, 1872, in the matter of the treatment of civilians in Post Hospitals, promulgated in Paragraph III, General Orders, No. 13, of 1872, from these Headquarters, for the guidance and government of all concerned in this Department, reads:

"The admission of civilians to Post Hospitals for medical treatment is so exceedingly objectionable, that it should not be tolerated, except in cases of the direst necessity, and then only upon the written statement of the Senior Medical Officer, that such admission is absolutely necessary for the preservation of life. A reasonable charge should be made for the board of such inmate, and all moneys received from such sources, whether for food, medicines or medical attendance should be added to the Hospital fund, and accounted for as such."

Under date of September 20, 1875, the Adjutant-General communicated to the Commanding General of the Department of Missouri the additional views of the Secretary of War, with his instructions that they be carried out, as follows, viz:

"It is not considered desirable to relax in any degree the instructions, dated Adjutant-General's Office, February 5th, 1872, relative to admission of civilians to Post Hospitals for medical treatment; but the suggestion that three-fourths of the sums received from such patients should be added to the Hospital fund, and one-fourth distributed among the Hospital attendants as compensation for extra services, is considered equitable and desirable."

The Surgeon-General having indicated to the Medical Di-

rector of this Department that one dollar per diem is regarded a reasonable charge for medical attendance, medicines, subsistence and nursing of civilians, while sick in Post Hospitals, this amount is established in this Department as the one to be charged to civilians for the services specified. Three-fourths of all moneys realized in this manner at any post will be paid into the Hospital fund, and the remaining fourth will be distributed among the Hospital attendants as compensation for extra services.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 26, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 20. }

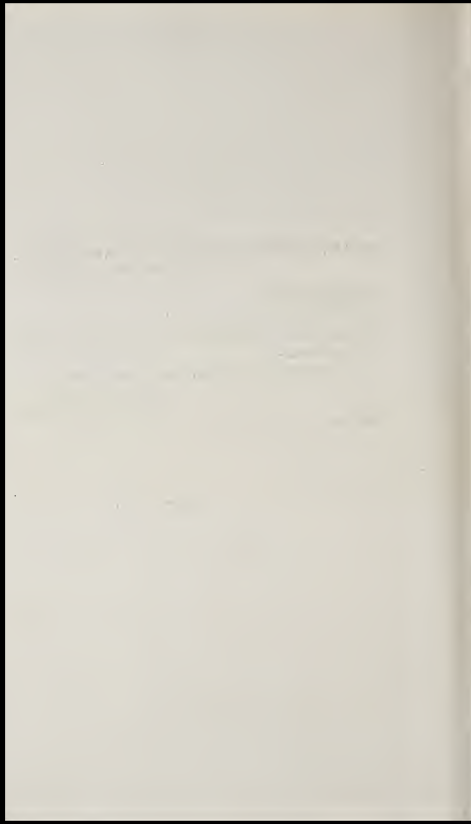
The Districts of the Republican and Wind River are hereby discontinued.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, November 1, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 21. }

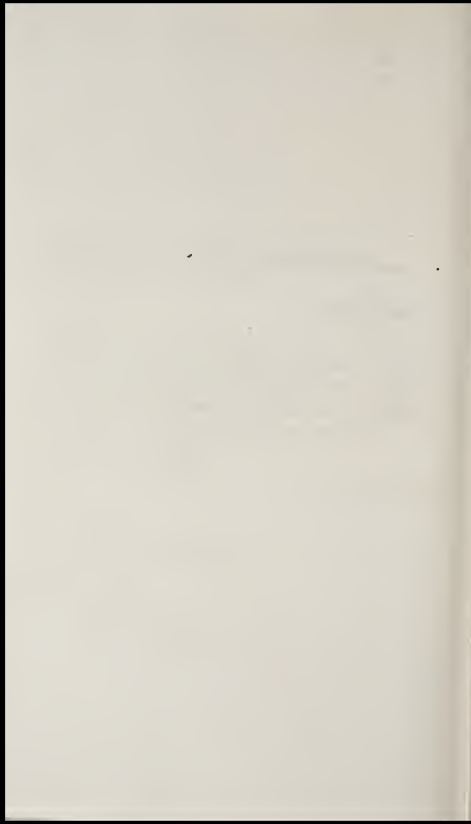
Major *M. I. Ludington*, Quartermaster U. S. Army, having reported to the Commanding General in obedience to Paragraph 1, Special Orders, No. 193, current series, from the War Department, is assigned to duty as Chief Quartermaster of this Department, and is hereby announced accordingly.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, November 20, 1875.

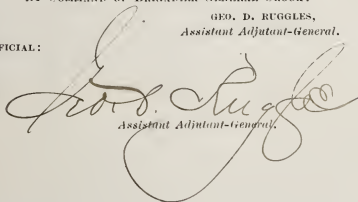
GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 22. }

Captain *M. L. Poland*, Ordnance Department, having reported to the Commanding General, in obedience to Paragraph 1, Special Orders, No. 225, current series, from the War Department, is hereby announced as Chief Ordnance Officer of this Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



Geo. D. Ruggles
Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, January 12, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 2. }

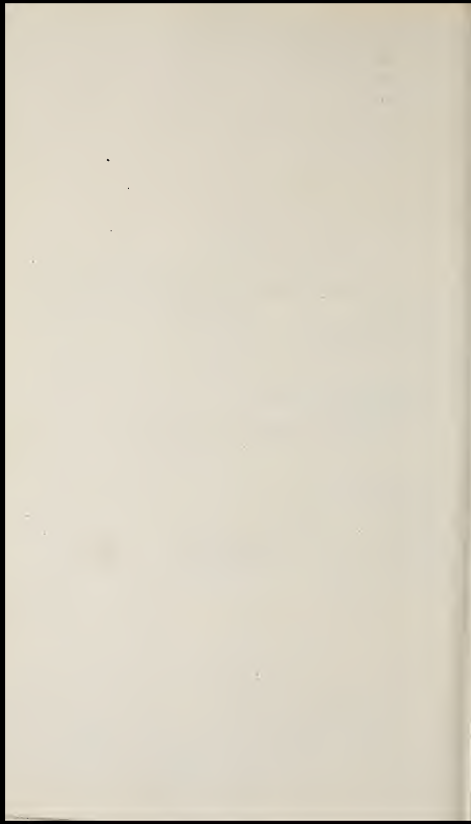
Lieutenant-Colonel *Robert Williams*, Assistant Adjutant General, is announced as Assistant Adjutant General of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

A. H. NICKERSON,
Captain 23d Infantry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Shuly. Bourke,
Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, February 3, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

Commanding officers of companies serving in this Department will prepare and furnish at a date not later than March 5, 1876, to the officers performing duty in the Quartermaster's Department, at their respective stations an estimate in quadruplicate on Form 48, Quartermaster's Department, for such clothing, camp and garrison equipage as will probably be needed by their companies, during the year ending June 30th, 1877, deducting on the face of the estimate the number of articles of each kind required for, that will probably be on hand for issue at the end of the present fiscal year.

The estimates will be prepared with care, and should be made for the authorized allowance as prescribed in General Orders No. 81, Adjutant General's Office, 1875.

The sizes of all articles required will, when necessary, be stated and such other data furnished as will enable reviewing and issuing officers to act understandingly upon the estimates.

Estimates prepared without proper information as to size, &c., will be returned for correction by the officers receiving them.

The estimates, properly prepared as indicated, will be forwarded through the Post Headquarters, by the Quartermasters at the several stations, to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, so as to reach his office on or before April 5th, 1876, and will be accompanied by lists, stating sizes, &c., of articles held in trust by them for the respective companies.

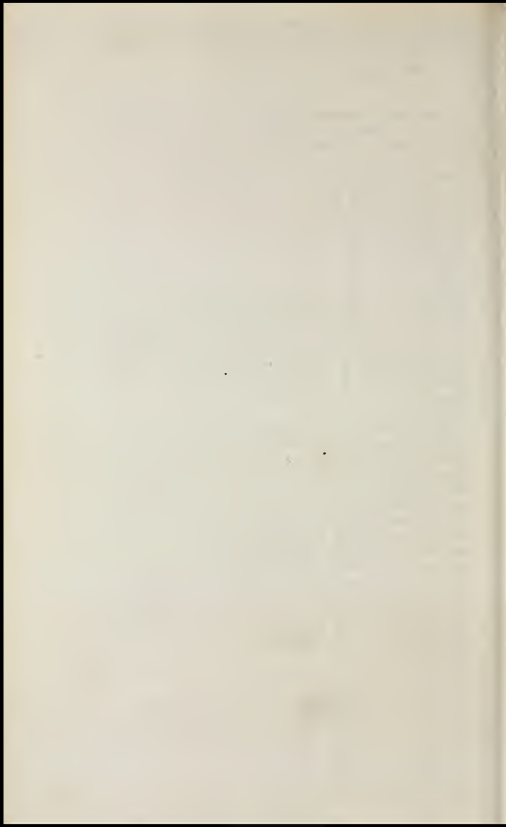
At the same time the several Post Quartermasters will forward through Post Headquarters, to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, estimates in quadruplicate on Form 48, Quartermaster's Department, for such reasonable quantities of clothing and equipage, exclusive of quantities called for by Company commanders, as will probably be needed to meet *contingencies* at their respective stations during the fiscal year ending July 1st, 1877, deducting upon the face of the estimates such quantities as will probably be on hand for issue June 30th, 1876.

Post commanders are charged with the complete and prompt execution of this order.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, February 3, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 4. }

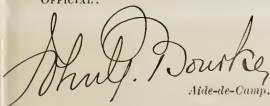
At stations where Subsistence funds (currency,) may accumulate in excess of what is needed to pay current expenses, the Post Commissary will, on the 1st of every month, report to the Paymaster who habitually pays the troops the amount of such excess and the denomination of notes. If this Paymaster is not to make the next payment at that post, he will forward the report to the Chief Paymaster of the Department.

The currency so reported, will not include mutilated currency or notes of a denomination too large for pay purposes, and it will be held intact as reported until the arrival of the Paymaster at the Post, to whom it will be turned over, in exchange for his check on an Eastern Depository, which check will be invoiced without delay, to the Chief Commissary of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:


Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, February 26, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No 5. }

The following provisions are substituted for those contained in General Orders No. 13, series of 1874, from these Headquarters, viz:

1st. Post Adjutants will be accountable for the reconnoitering and drawing instruments issued to posts from the Engineer office at these Headquarters. They will give a memorandum receipt for these instruments to the Engineer officer of the Department, receiving an invoice in return; and will transmit to that officer promptly by the close of each quarter a return of these instruments, specifying their condition thereon. Blank receipts and returns will be supplied on application.

2d. When relieved they will transfer these instruments to their successors, securing from the latter a memorandum receipt to the *Engineer Officer* which they will at once transmit to him, receiving their own receipt in return.

3d. They will make timely requisitions on the Engineer officer for note-books and drawing materials necessary for a strict compliance, in all marches or movements of troops, with the requirements of the Circular of June 6th, 1873, from the Headquarters of the Army, and of the Circular Letter of March 26, 1875, from these Headquarters to commandants of posts.

When a detachment does not return to the post which it left, the reconnoitering instruments used with it will, at the end of its march, be returned without unnecessary delay to the point from which they were taken.

4th. When an instrument becomes unserviceable it will be

sent as soon as practicable to the Engineer officer for repair or renewal. If not too large the package will be sent by mail, *registered*. Otherwise the Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation by express to these Headquarters and return. Acting Assistant Quartermaster's will consign these packages to the care of the Depot Quartermaster at this place, and forward bills of lading.

5th. Acting Assistant Quartermaster's will transfer the reconnoitering and drawing instruments belonging to the Engineer Department, now in their possession, to the Adjutants at their respective posts, on receipt of this order.

6th. The mounted copies of the Map of the Military Departments and Posts of the United States, and of the Territory of the United States west of the Mississippi, will be kept at the posts to which issued, and will be accounted for by Post Adjutants on their quarterly returns of Engineer Property.

Applications for maps for the official or personal use of officers will be made to the Engineer officer.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp,

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, February 28, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

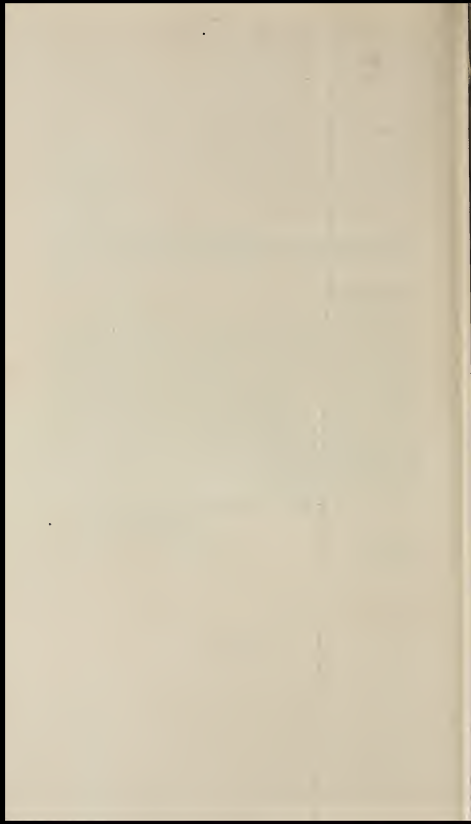
In obedience to the requirements of Paragraph 3, General Orders No. 1, current series, Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, Sidney Barracks, Forts McPherson, Sanders, Fred Steele, D. A. Russell, Laramie and Fetterman, and Camps Robinson and Brown, are hereby designated as the Cavalry stations in this Department at which ammunition and the smaller supplies of ordnance stores,—such as horse brushes, nose-bags, saddle-blankets, &c., of current demand and not of perishable nature, can be kept in excess of immediate wants, for transfer to officers, upon requisitions approved by Post Commanders.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, February 29, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7. }

I. Commanding Officers of posts will, immediately on receipt of this order, and at the end of each month hereafter, render a statement to this office, showing the class, character and number of serviceable arms and equipments, with the amount of serviceable ammunition suitable for these arms on hand within their command. This statement will also show the names of the officers responsible for the above mentioned stores as well as the amounts for which each officer is responsible.

II. Officers serving in this Department, who may have in their possession, rifles, carbines, or pistols, calibre 45, which have swelled, burst, or been otherwise rendered unserviceable by firing, will, immediately on receipt of this order, send such arms to these Headquarters, invoiced to the Chief Ordnance Officer of the Department, together with a carefully prepared report of each case, giving time, place and cause of the damage as far as known.

Especial pains will be taken to ascertain whether the accident did not result from sand, mud, or other obstruction in the bore at the time of firing.

Hereafter, until further orders, all arms, calibre 45, which may become unserviceable through injuries resulting from firing, will be disposed of as indicated above.

The responsibility for all such damages will be fixed by a Board of Survey before the arms are turned in.

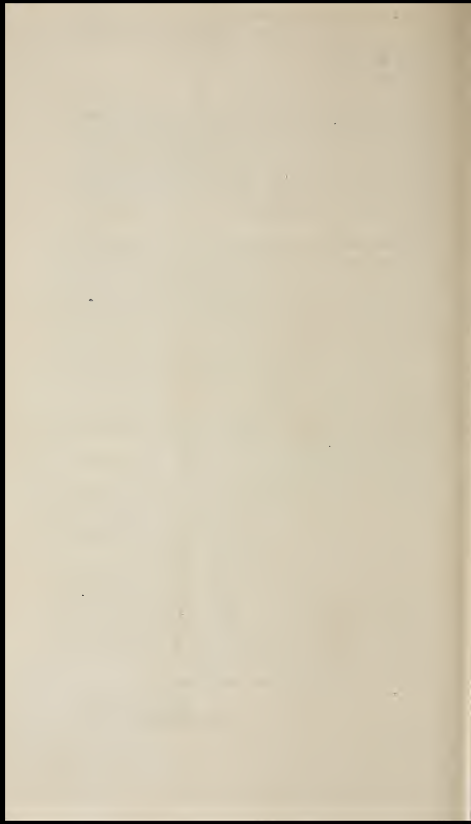
Samples of such ammunition, calibre 45, as may prove defective, will also be sent to the Chief Ordnance Officer of the Department, with a report embracing such information relative thereto as may be necessary to a full understanding of the cause of the defect, by the proper authority.

III. As the sword no longer forms part of the equipment of a Sergeant of Infantry, Post Commanders, as well as the Company Commanders of the different Infantry Regiments serving in this Department, will, without delay, turn in to the Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, all such non-commissioned officer's swords, for which they may be responsible, and which may not be required.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, March 7, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8. }

In order to prevent vexatious delays and loss of time in the transaction of public business, Officers rendering papers to these Headquarters, when printed forms are used, especially in the case of requisitions for Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, will, in making out such papers, govern themselves strictly by the printed instructions thereon, otherwise the papers will be returned for correction.

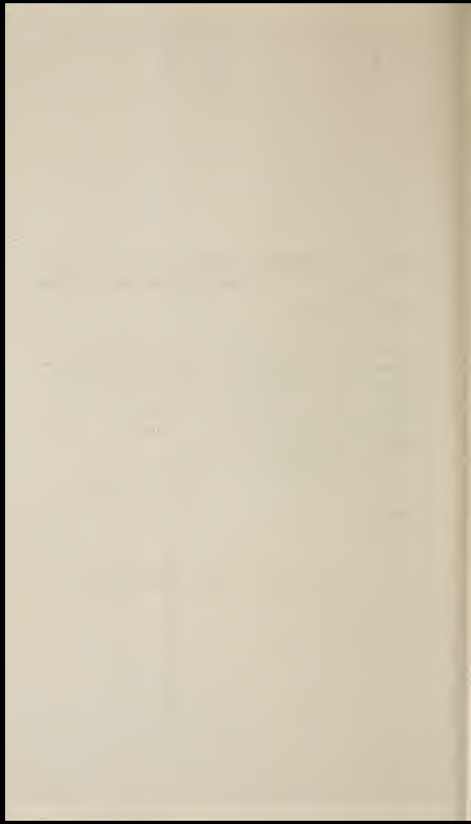
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, March 10, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No 9. }

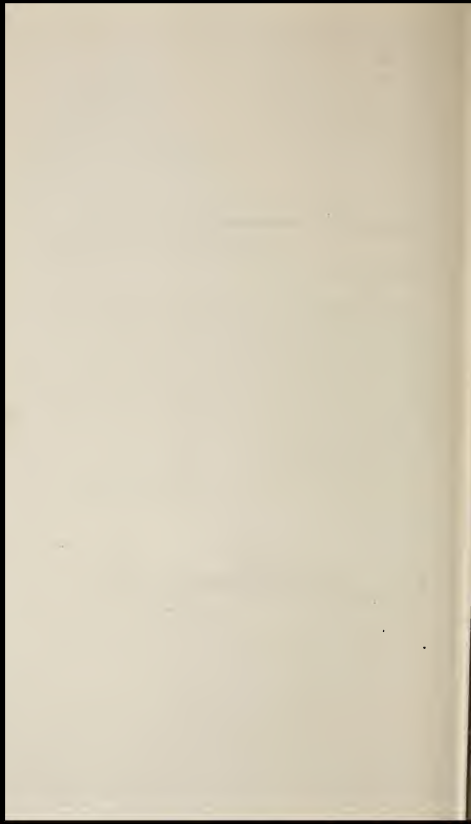
All officers doing duty in the Staff Departments in this command, will, on being relieved from such duty, transfer to their successors all Regulations, Pamphlets, Orders, Circulars and Letters received by them in their official capacity, together with all Letter, Record and Pass-Books that may have been used by them in the transaction of their duties. An Officer on being relieved, has a right to take with him from the office *only* his retained Money and Property Accounts, and letters, or copies of letters, relating exclusively to their state or settlement.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:


Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, March 18, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No 10. }

1...Commanding officers of posts will cause to be prepared, estimates, in triplicate, for Quartermaster's stores required for use at their respective stations during the fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1876, and ending June 30, 1877.

Especial care will be exercised in the preparation of the estimates to the end that the same may be made full and complete for the actual wants at the stations, but without being unreasonable as to quantities or kinds of stores called for.

Where allowances are fixed by Regulation or Orders, the estimate will be made in conformity thereto.

The estimates will be prepared on Form "Estimate for Quartermaster stores" (supplied by the Quartermaster Department) and in strict compliance with the printed instructions thereon.

They will be made separately for the different classes of stores as follows, viz :

1. Fuel, Forage and Straw.
2. Stationery.
3. Barrack and Office Furniture.
4. Stoves, Pipe, and extra parts of stoves for repairs.
5. Means of Transportation.
6. Horse Medicines and Veterinary Instruments.
7. Tools,—to embrace Blacksmiths, Farriers, Carpenters, Wheelrights, Masons, Saddlers, and Miscellaneous tools, but a separate heading to be made for each kind.
8. Machinery.

9. Building Material,—to embrace materials for the ordinary and miscellaneous *minor* repairs to buildings, &c., at the station, rendered necessary from fair wear and tear, only.

10. Stores for expenditure.

These estimates will be forwarded from Post Headquarters to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, so as to reach his office on or before May 1, 1876.

II...Post Commanders will also cause to be prepared detailed plans with estimates of material and labor, and cost of same, for construction of new buildings deemed to be actually necessary, at their respective stations; as also estimates in detail of materials and labor, and cost of same, for such *general* repairs as are deemed to be actually needed during the fiscal year.

These plans and estimates will be prepared in triplicate and will be made separately for construction and for repairs.

These estimates will be forwarded from Post Headquarters to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, so as to reach his office on or before May 15, 1876.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, March 20, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 11. }

When Currency is needed by Post Quartermasters in this Department, to pay rolls or salaries, they are authorized to obtain the necessary amounts from the Post Commissary, where the latter has more than he needs, exchanging therefor their checks on the authorized depositories, payable to the order of the Post Commissary, with the object noted thereon, viz: "To obtain currency to pay rolls or salaries."

Any such checks received in excess of his needs the Post Commissary will invoice to the Chief Commissary of the department.


Currency which has been reported to the Paymaster in compliance with Paragraph 2, General Orders No. 4, 1876, Department of the Platte, will not be so exchanged, but must be retained as provided for in that order.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



H. M. Smith
Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, April 3, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 12. }

Major *E. H. Ludington*, Assistant Inspector General, U. S. A., having reported to the Commanding General, in obedience to Paragraph 8, Special Orders No. 42, current series, from the War Department, is hereby assigned to duty as Assistant Inspector General of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Omaha, Nebraska, April 10, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 13. }

I...The instructions of February 1st, 1876, by the Department Commander, directing Companies A, B, E, I, and K, 2d Cavalry, Companies A, D, E, F, M, 3d Cavalry and C and I, 4th Infantry, to concentrate under command of Colonel *Joseph J. Reynolds*, 3d Cavalry, at Fort Fetterman, Wyoming, and to accompany the Department Commander, from that point into the Indian country, for the purpose of forcing back to their reservations, such of the Sioux Indians as had left their reservations without authority, and who, having been summoned by the Indian authorities, to return thereto, had failed to comply with such summons, are hereby confirmed and are published for the information of this command.

II...The verbal instructions of the Department Commander, directing that companies B and E, 2d Cavalry, and A, D, E, F and M, 3d Cavalry, should return to Fort D. A. Russell, Companies I and K, 2d Cavalry, to Fort Laramie, and Companies A, 2d Cavalry, and C and I, 4th Infantry, to Fort Fetterman, Wyoming, to await further orders regarding their future movements, are hereby confirmed and are published for the information of all concerned.

III...The verbal instructions of the Department Commander, that Second Lieutenant *John G. Bourke*, 3d Cavalry, A. D. C., accompany him from these Headquarters, with the above mentioned expedition, and that upon completion of this duty he rejoin his station, are hereby confirmed.

IV...The Department Commander feels justified in expressing his gratification at the cheerful manner in which the extreme hardships necessarily incident to this campaign, have been borne by the whole command.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Omaha, Nebraska, April 12, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 14. }

Whenever an officer of the Quartermaster's Department furnishes transportation to a discharged soldier, he will note the fact on both of the *duplicate* Final Statements, and designate the points between which transportation is furnished.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Omaha, Nebraska, April 14, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 15. }

In future, applications for inspections of public property, except in special or extraordinary cases, will be made only twice yearly, and these inspections will be made by the Assistant Inspector General in the months of April and October, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

All applications must be made through the Post Commander.

In cases of field or other movements, when necessary or proper for the public interest, damaged and unserviceable property will be transferred as such to the Post Commander, or to the Post Staff Officer of the department to which the property pertains, who will hold it for the regular inspection above prescribed.

Commanding Officers of Posts will be held responsible that before public property is presented for inspection it will be carefully examined by the officer responsible for the same, and the good separated from the damaged.

Those Ordnance Stores, which should be replaced without delay, and considerable quantities of Quartermaster's or Subsistence Stores, will be considered as cases for special action, and for the inspection of these, upon proper application, orders will be given by the Department Commander.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Omaha, Nebraska, April 15, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 16. }

Major *A. W. Evans*, 3d Cavalry, is hereby assigned to duty, at these Headquarters, as Inspector of Cavalry, to date from the 1st instant.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Shuly. Bowker
Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Omaha, Nebraska, April 22, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 17. }

I...Officers in this Department, Commanding Posts, will at once make estimates of the amount of funds required to put in serviceable condition the field guns and carriages, for which they are responsible, such repairs to be made at the post. Guns or carriages that need extensive repairs should be inspected with a view to their condemnation and replacement with new if needed.

II...Commanding officers of Infantry companies not supplied with them, will at once make requisitions for the new pattern cartridge boxes, calibre .45, (two for each man,) as described in Ordnance Memoranda No. 19, upon the receipt of which the old will be turned into Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Omaha, Nebraska, May 2, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 18. }

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The Districts of the Black Hills and of the South Platte, are hereby discontinued. Officers commanding posts within the limits of the discontinued Districts, will in future report direct to these Headquarters.

The records of the Districts above named, will be carefully arranged for future reference, boxed up, and forwarded to this office.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, May 6, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 19. }

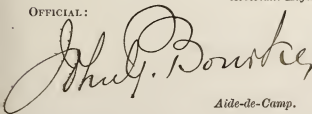
The recent pursuit of a hostile band of Sioux, by Lieutenant *Heyl* with a party of one Sergeant, two Corporals and six privates of Company A, 23d Infantry, and the gallant attack of these Indians near Fort Hartsuff, by Lieutenant *Heyl* and his party, in which Sergeant *Daugherty* was killed, is especially worthy of praise. The Department Commander takes occasion to express his warmest thanks to Lieutenant *Heyl* and his party for their personal gallantry and soldierly conduct displayed in the attack, and to commend their good conduct as worthy of emulation by the officers and men of this command.

Sergeant *Daugherty*, Corporals *Leonard* and *Lytton*, especially distinguished themselves in the affair.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL :

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Philip P. Bowditch". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping loops.

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Omaha, Nebraska, May 17, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 20. }

Commanding officers of Cavalry companies in this Department, not already supplied with the new cartridge pouches for Cavalry, (as described in ordnance memoranda No. 18,) can obtain them upon proper requisitions. Upon their receipt, the old pouches will be turned into Rock Island Arsenal.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, May 20, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 21. }

Captain *C. E. Dutton*, Ordnance Department, having reported, in person, at these Headquarters, will, in accordance with Paragraph 3, Special Orders No. 86, current series, Headquarters of the Army, relieve Captain *M. L. Poland*, (transferred to Benecia Arsenal, California,) in his duties as Chief Ordnance Officer of this Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 19, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 22. }

The District of the Black Hills, discontinued by General Orders No. 18, current series, from these Headquarters, is hereby restored temporarily; except that Fort Fetterman will not be comprised in it. The Headquarters of the District will be in the field, Lieutenant Colonel *Eugene A. Carr*, 5th Cavalry, Commanding.

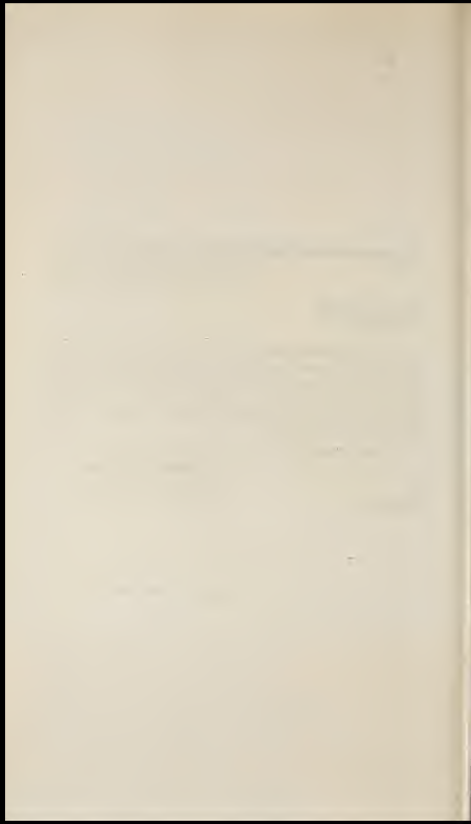
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

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OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 22, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 23. }

In compliance with Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 45, current series, from the Headquarters of the Army, Major *Elisha H. Ludington*, Assistant Inspector General, U. S. Army, is hereby relieved from duty in this Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

JOHN P. HAWKINS,

Major and C. S., U. S. Army.

Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 14, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 21. }

Officers commanding posts, and detachments in the field, in this Department, to whose commands the horse-shoes, which were recommended by a Board of Officers as the "best adapted for the service," the report of which Board was published in General Orders No. 7, current series, War Department, were issued, will cause the Officers, by whose commands these shoes have been used, to furnish at once, full reports of their trial to these Headquarters. *

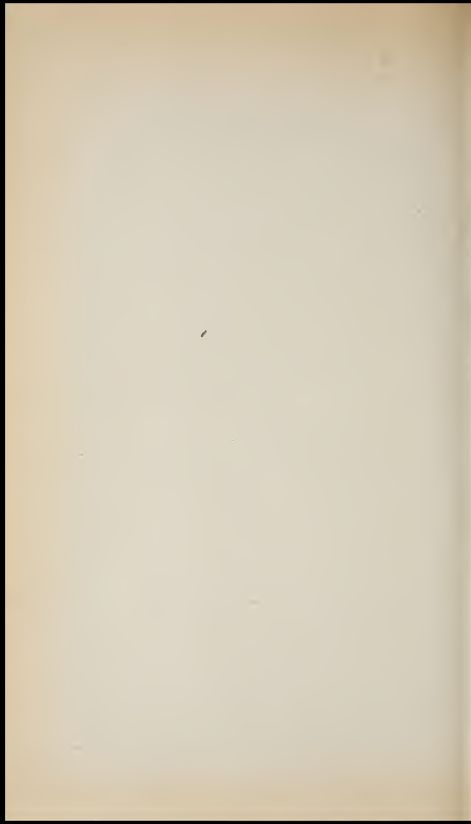
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 15, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 25. }

On account of the limited appropriation for incidental expenses, no more than sixteen hundred dollars per month can be allowed for the payment of extra duty men at posts in this Department.

The following allotment of funds for the payment of extra duty men, is hereby established for the several posts in this Command, viz :

Omaha Barracks,	-	-	-	-	-	\$147.00.
Fort Hartsuff,	-	-	-	-	-	51.00.
Fort McPherson,	-	-	-	-	-	65.00.
North Platte,	-	-	-	-	-	35.00.
Sidney Barracks,	-	-	-	-	-	80.00.
Fort D. A. Russell,	-	-	-	-	-	109.00.
Cheyenne Depot,	-	-	-	-	-	10.80.
Fort Sanders,	-	-	-	-	-	64.00.
Fort Steele,	-	-	-	-	-	55.00.
Fort Bridger,	-	-	-	-	-	76.00.
Camp Stambaugh,	-	-	-	-	-	51.00.
Camp Brown,	-	-	-	-	-	70.00.
Camp Douglas,	-	-	-	-	-	136.00.
Fort Cameron,	-	-	-	-	-	97.20.
Fort Laramie,	-	-	-	-	-	169.00.
Camp Robinson,	-	-	-	-	-	106.00.
Camp Sheridan,	-	-	-	-	-	80.00.
Fort Fetterman,	-	-	-	-	-	147.00.
Fort Hall	-	-	-	-	-	51.00.
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1600.00.

Post Commanders are authorized to regulate the number of men of each class—at 20cts and 35cts per diem—to be em-

ployed at their respective posts, as deemed best for the interests of the service, provided the allotments are not exceeded.

The allotment as established is the maximum to be allowed, and will not be exceeded after the receipt of this order. In cases where garrisons are temporarily reduced, the expense should be as little as the demands of the service will admit.


Sufficient funds to pay the extra duty men employed in accordance with the provisions of this order, and no more, will be furnished monthly by the Chief Quartermaster, to the several stations in the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 17, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 26. }

In compliance with telegraphic instructions from Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, of this date, each Post Commander in this Department will at once detail a suitable officer to act as Recruiting officer at his post for the purpose of enlisting into the Cavalry service such recruits as may be found suitable therefor, under the regulations governing the Recruiting service.

The standard for recruits for Cavalry and Infantry has been reduced and is as follows:

Height, not to be below 5 feet 3 inches.

Weight, not to be above 175 pounds.

Desirable men who slightly exceed these limits, may be accepted. The Officers thus designated, will forward through their Post Commanders, to this office, tri-monthly statements showing the number of recruits made, and the regiments for which enlisted.

By Special Order No. 83, current series, Military Division of the Missouri, Fort D. A. Russell is designated as the rendezvous for the 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th regiments of Cavalry, and Fort Abraham Lincoln as the rendezvous for the 7th Cavalry. Recruits will be sent in detachments of convenient size, as rapidly as they are accumulated, to the rendezvous of their regiments, where they will be armed, equipped and instructed by the officers of their respective regiments, specially designated for the purpose.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 18, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 27. }

I...The use of rifle and carbine ammunition of a prior date of manufacture than June 17th, 1874, if there is any such on hand in this Department, is prohibited, and officers having in their possession such ammunition will, at once, turn it into the nearest arsenal, and make requisition for ammunition of a later manufacture to replace it. The date of manufacture will be found on each box of ammunition, and on the paper packages which contain the ammunition.

The requisitions as above specified, (calling for even thousands) will be sent direct to the Commanding officers at Forts D. A. Russell, or Fetterman, or to the Chief Ordnance Officer of the Department, as may be most convenient, and the officers Commanding Forts D. A. Russell and Fetterman, will, after at once filling such requisitions as shall have been transmitted to them, forward the requisitions to these Headquarters.

II...The attention of Cavalry officers is especially invited to the fact that rifle ammunition is also adapted to the carbine.

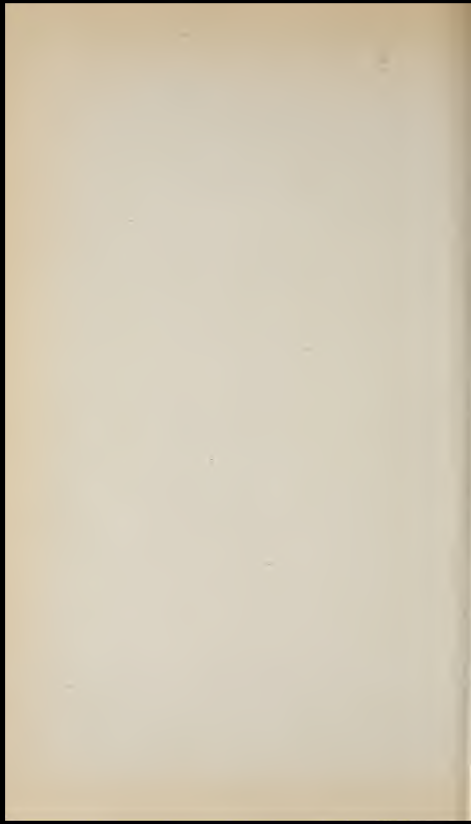
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, September 6, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 28. }

In order to comply with instructions from the Adjutant-General's Office, and from Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, Recruiting officers detailed under provisions of General Orders No. 26, current series, from these Headquarters, will, in place of the tri-monthly statements called for therein, forward promptly every five days, to this office, commencing the 1st instant, a report showing the number of men enlisted by them, the regiments for which the men were enlisted, and the disposition, if any, made of them. The attention of Post Commanders and of recruiting officers, is called to the necessity for these reports being rendered with promptness and regularity.

Recruiting officers at posts will also furnish the Superintendent of the mounted recruiting service at St. Louis, Mo., such reports, descriptive lists of recruits &c., &c., as are required by the regulations for the recruiting service.

The requisite reports and returns required by recruiting regulations, will also be rendered to the Commanding officer of the regiments for which the men may be enlisted, in the same manner as is done in the case of the regimental recruiting service.

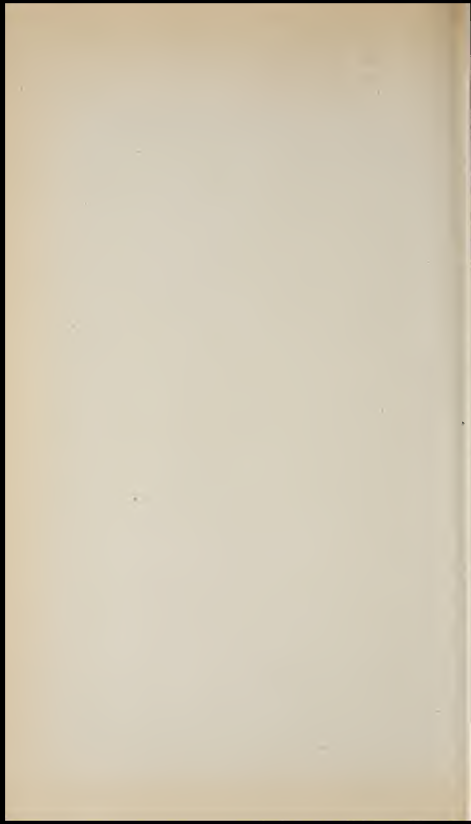
The Commanding officer, Fort D. A. Russell, will render, every five days, to this office, a report showing the number of recruits received at that post from any source; the source from which received, the regiments for which the recruits have been enlisted or to which they have been assigned, and the number of recruits sent from that post to regiments.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, September 13, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 29. }

The object for which Recruiting was established at posts in this Department, by General Orders No. 26, current series, from these Headquarters, having been accomplished, all Recruiting under that order will cease, and the officers assigned to Recruiting duty under its provisions, will be relieved.

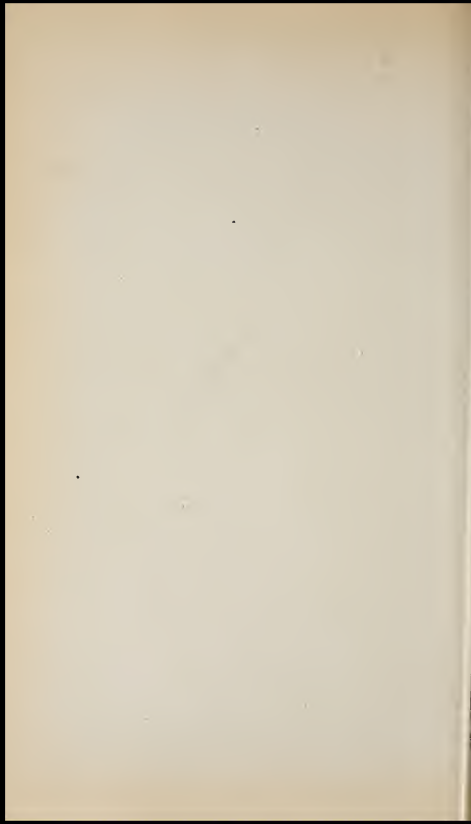
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,¹

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 6, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 30. }

Information having been received that the lariats and halters issued to the Cavalry, in this Department, are of inferior quality, officers to whose commands such articles have been issued, will without delay forward to the Chief Ordnance Officer of the Department, reports regarding these two articles of issue, and in case either should be found to be of inferior quality, a specimen of the inferior article will be forwarded to the same Officer with a statement showing the arsenal from which it was shipped, the date of shipment, and whether its present condition is due to the material used in the manufacture, or to any other cause, which can be determined.

In future, in case any of the articles of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, issued in this Department, are found to be defective or unfit for service from any cause of manufacture, work or material, or from any cause for which the Ordnance Department can properly be responsible, a report will be rendered to the Chief Ordnance Officer of the Department, embracing all the facts and information obtainable with reference to such defect or unfitness. When possible, the article, or a sample thereof will accompany the report.

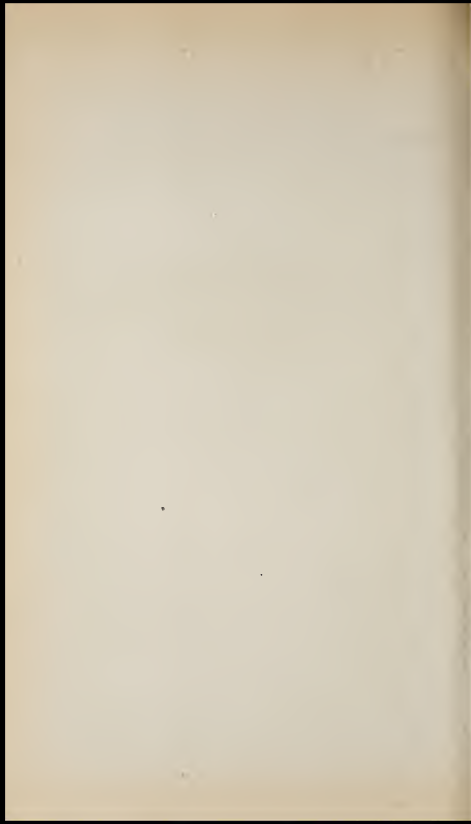
Commanding officers of posts and companies, in this Department, having in their possession Ordnance Stores for Cavalry outfit, which are not of proper quality, will make immediate requisitions for other stores to replace them. Such stores when replaced, will be submitted for the action of an Inspecting Officer.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, October 9, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 31. }

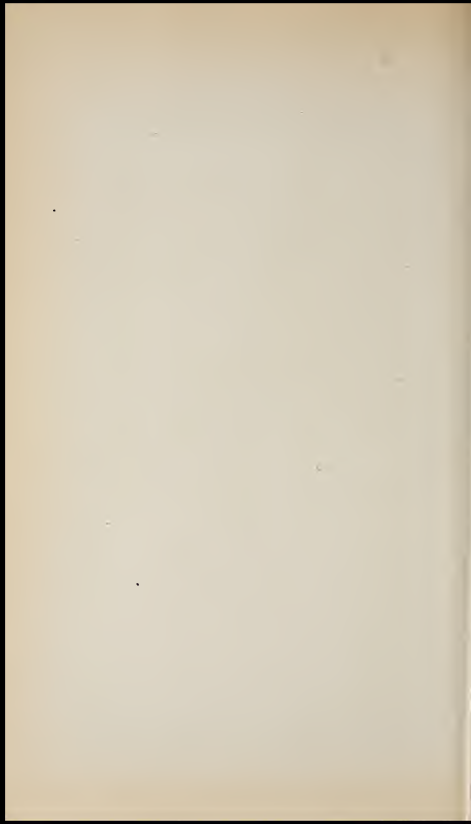
In compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 1, General Orders, No. 99, Headquarters of the Army, September 21, 1876, no issue will be made from the new pattern clothing furnished posts in this Command, for the current fiscal year, until the supply of old pattern clothing, of the same kind, is exhausted.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, October 28, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 32. }

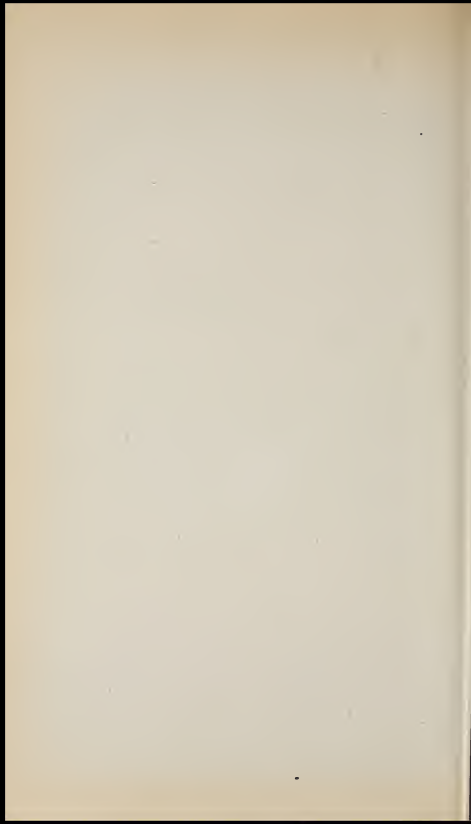
Lieutenant Colonel *William B. Royall*, 3d Cavalry, is hereby assigned to duty as Acting Assistant Inspector General of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, November 27, 1876.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 33. }

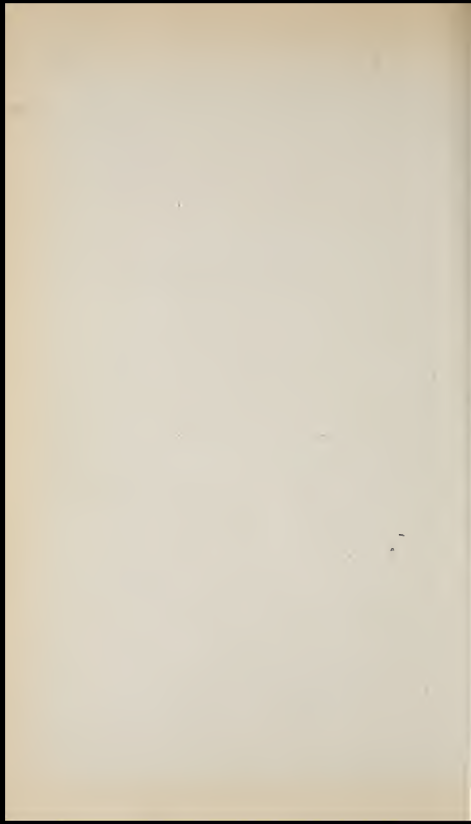
In accordance with instructions from Headquarters of the Division, that a reduction of expenditures, under the head of Army transportation, has become absolutely necessary, the necessary measures for such reduction have been taken at these Headquarters, and the most rigid economy is hereby enjoined upon all Officers, serving in this Department, who are charged with expenditure of funds pertaining to this appropriation.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Omaha, Nebraska, April 20, 1876.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned :

MEMORANDUM.

The attention of Captains of Companies is called to the recommendation of the Board in Ordnance Notes No. XLVIII, of March 9, 1876, page 329, paragraphs 4 and 5. The numbers of Rifles and Carbines, which will require new firing-pins, under this recommendation, are included between 1 and 33000. The numbers will be found stamped on the barrels immediately in rear of the receiver. Requisitions for new firing-pins to replace those in these arms will be promptly filled.

S. V. BENET,

Brigadier General,

Chief of Ordnance.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General

OFFICIAL :



Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Omaha, Nebraska, April 27, 1876.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned :--

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, D. C., March 22, 1876.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL,
Department of the Platte,
Through Headquarters Military Division of Missouri,
Chicago, Illinois,

SIR:

The Secretary of War desires, in order to economize as much as possible in the matter of transportation of prisoners, that measures be taken to avoid multiplying, needlessly, the number of parties forwarded to the Leavenworth Military Prison, and also the number of men forming the details to guard or escort such parties.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

(SIGNED) E. D. TOWNSEND,

Adjutant General.

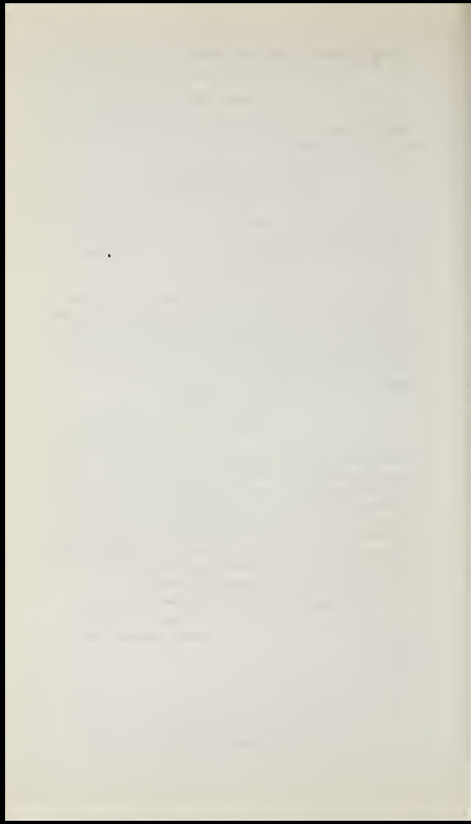
In addition to the foregoing, Post Commanders are instructed when sending military prisoners under orders from these Headquarters, to Omaha Barracks, to be sent thence to the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, to detail only the number of men as escort, which may be indispensably required for the guard of the prisoners, and in no case to send a Commissioned officer in charge unless the number of prisoners, and the size of the escort, are such as to render the presence of such officer absolutely necessary.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 12, 1876.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Commanding officers of posts, companies and detachments will be held responsible that these instructions are fully carried out.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, June 6, 1876.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte,

Omaha, Nebraska.

It is reported to the General of the Army that mounted Officers keep in service public horses and at the same time draw forage for private horses. This cannot be allowed, nor must they use public animals, except as authorized by the Army Regulations.

These officers receive by law higher pay than foot officers for the express object of enabling them to purchase horses and equipments, and they are expected to continually provide themselves with these indispensable requisites for the performance of their duties.

When, however, through the casualties of service on the frontier or in the field, they become dispossessed of their horses, mounted officers will (unless they prefer to replace them from other sources) make immediate application to their Commanding officers for authority to purchase public horses, in conformity with Paragraph 1143, of the Army Regulations for 1863.

Should the Commanding officer, in a particular instance, deem it detrimental to the service to give such authority, and the exigencies of the occasion render it necessary for the proper discharge of the officer's duties, he will be allowed to take a public horse and equipments for *temporary* use. He will not, however, during the period of such use be permitted to draw any forage allowances for private horses.

Commanders of posts, companies and detachments should be held responsible that the requirements of this order are strictly enforced, and should take prompt official action upon all violations of the same.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SHERMAN:

[SIGNED.]

E. D. TOWNSEND,

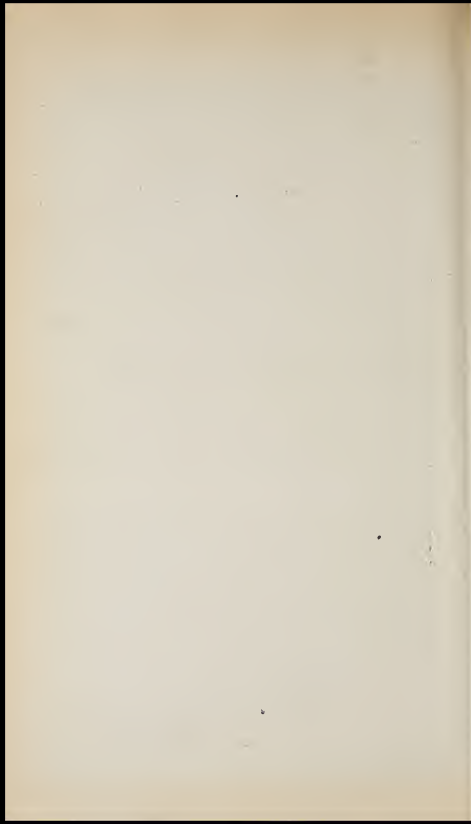
Adjutant General.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 8, 1876.

[CIRCULAR.]

By direction of the LIEUTENANT-GENERAL, Commanding the Division, Commanding officers of posts in this Department, having horse-shoes, horse-shoe-nails and smith's tools in their possession, as Ordnance property, will, at once, turn them over to their Post Quartermasters, to be accounted for, hereafter, as Quartermaster's stores.

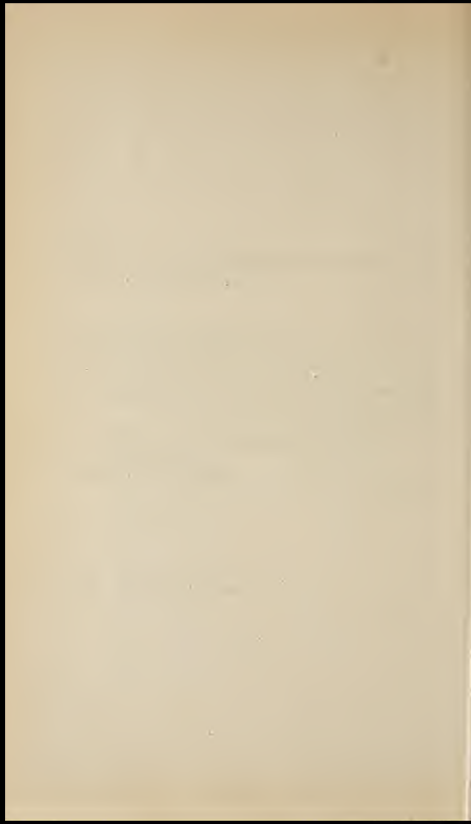
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ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, September 19, 1876.

[CIRCULAR.]

Officers commanding troops in this Department, to whom the experimental intrenching tools and trowel bayonets, now in the hands of the troops have been issued, are authorized, if they so desire, to turn them in to Rock Island Arsenal.

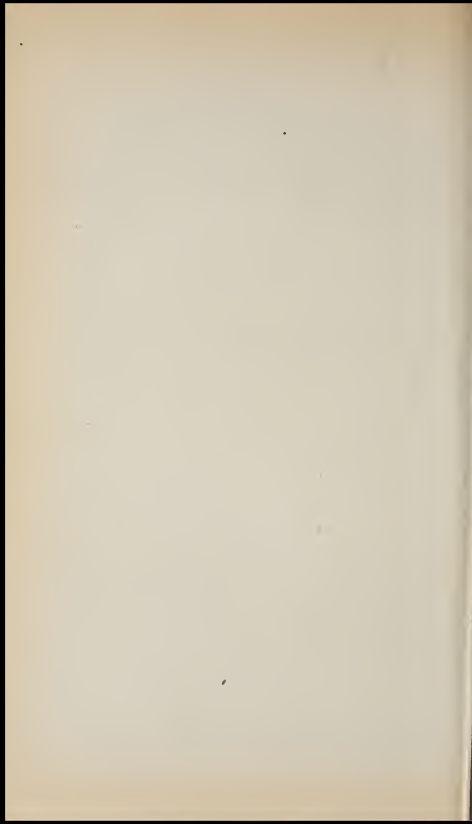
The trowel bayonet can be replaced by those of the triangular model.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, September 25, 1876.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following decision is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., August 26, 1876.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Gulf.

SIR:

Referring to endorsement of August 16th, 1876, from your Headquarters, forwarding communication from Colonel *De L. Floyd-Jones*, 3d Infantry, upon the subject of Target practice, I have the honor to inform you that while the expenditure of ball cartridges is limited to a certain number per month, per man, it need not be confined to the authorized number *in each month*, but may be made during such months of the year as the Officer in Command may deem most advantageous to the public service, provided the expenditure in any one year does not exceed the authorized annual allowance for each man.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

[SIGNED.]

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Adjutant General.

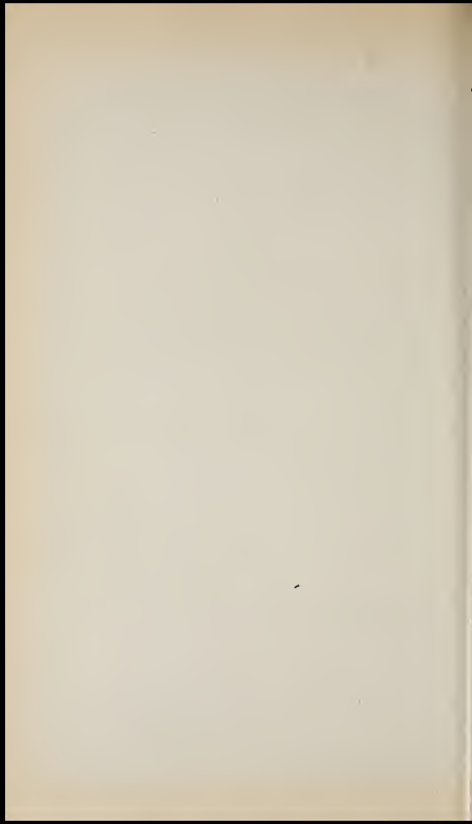
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, November 29. 1876.

[CIRCULAR.]

The President of the United States having designated tomorrow, the 30th instant as Thanksgiving day, the offices at these Headquarters and at the Depots in this place will be closed and no public business transacted during the day, other than that which is indispensably necessary for the public service.

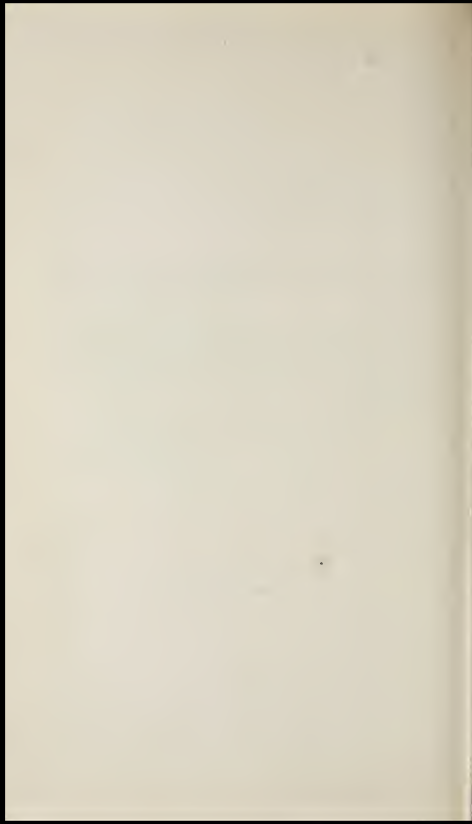
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, January 15, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 1. }

The attention of Inspecting Officers in this Department, is invited to the following note on blank forms, of Inventory and Inspection Reports:

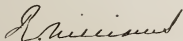
"Whenever practicable, the Inspector will note in this column, when, where, and from whom the Stores were purchased, the name of the purchasing officer or agent, and the marks upon original packages," a strict compliance with which note will in future be required.

When inspections of Subsistence Stores are made the Inspecting Officer will also report when such Stores were received at the post, as well as when they were received by the Officer responsible for them at date of inspection.

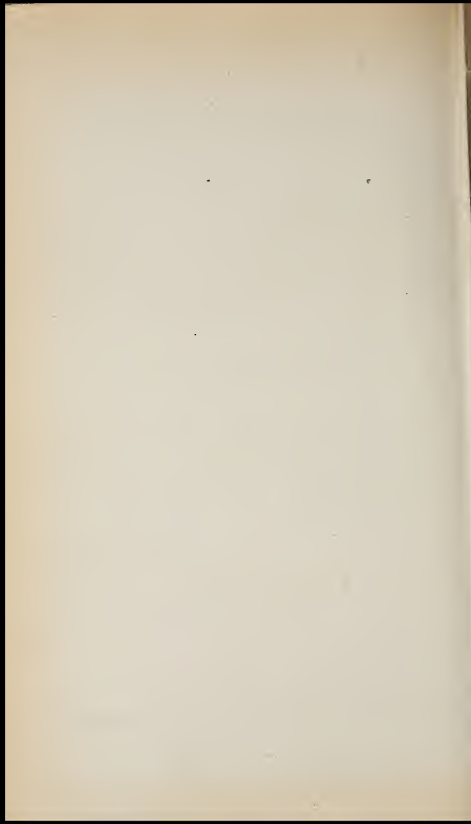
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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, February 2, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 2. }

Until further orders, the following prices of Ordnance Stores will govern Boards of Survey in fixing charges for articles lost or otherwise alienated, and will also constitute the prices at which they shall be sold:

AMMUNITION.

	Caliber.	Price Per M	Price Each
Gatling Ball Cartridges, - - -	1	\$190 00	19c
Gatling Canister, - - -	1	\$210 00	21c
Musket Ball Cartridges, - - -	.50	30 00	3c
Musket Blank Cartridges, - - -	.50	17 00	2c
Carbine Ball do - - -	.50	30 00	3c
Carbine Blank do - - -	.50	17 00	2c
Rifle Ball do - - -	.45	30 00	3c
Rifle Blank do - - -	.45	17 00	2c
Carbine Ball do - - -	.45	30 00	3c
Carbine Blank do - - -	.45	17 00	2c
Pistol Ball do - - -	.45	20 00	2c
Pistol Blank do - - -	.45	14 00	2c
Pistol Ball do - - -	.44	20 00	2c
Pistol Blank do - - -	.44	14 00	2c
Spencer Ball, rim-fire, - - -	.50	18 00	2c
Spencer Blank, do - - -	.50	17 00	2c

ARMS.

Springfield Rifle and Bayonet, Cal. .45,	-	-	\$18 00
Springfield Carbine, Cal. .45,	-	-	15 50
Colt's Revolver, Cal., .45,	-	-	13 00
Smith & Wesson Revolver, Cal., .45,	-	-	13 50

INFANTRY EQUIPMENTS—PATTERN 1874.

Shoulder Braces, set, - - - - -	\$1 77
Waist-belt and plate, - - - - -	80
Cartridge-box, (one) - - - - -	1 25
Steel Bayonet Scabbard, Hoff'n att. - - - - -	91
Clothing-bag, - - - - -	1 63
Haversack and Strap, - - - - -	1 39
Canteen and Strap, - - - - -	68
Meat-can, - - - - -	39
Tin-cup, - - - - -	17
Knife, Fork and Spoon, - - - - -	20
Trowel Bayonet and Plug, - - - - -	4 00
Trowel Bayonet-scabbard, - - - - -	87
Trowel Bayonet-plug, - - - - -	08
Intrenching Tool, - - - - -	80
Intrenching Tool Scabbard, - - - - -	52
Metcalf Cartridge Block, - - - - -	14
Metcalf Cartridge Block Carrier, - - - - -	20

HORSE EQUIPMENTS.

Felt Saddle-cloth, blue, - - - - -	3 75
Felt Saddle-cloth, gray, - - - - -	2 25
Side-lines, - - - - -	2 00
Link, - - - - -	32

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, February 19, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 4.

The Brigadier General Commanding, takes pleasure in bringing to the attention of the troops serving in this Department, the energy, zeal and efficiency displayed by Second Lieutenant *H. R. Lemly*, 3d Cavalry, and the detachment under his command, during a scout recently made by them after horse thieves, who had driven off a herd of ponies belonging to the friendly Indians of Red Cloud Agency. This duty lasted continuously four days and nights and necessitated much exposure and suffering, the detachment being without blankets and without food, except such scanty supplies as were obtainable in a sparsely settled district.

Only one of the thieves succeeded in escaping and twenty-four (24) ponies were recaptured.

Lieutenant *Lemly's* conduct will receive the commendation of every honest minded person interested in the suppression of a dangerous class of scoundrels who prey upon Indians and white men alike.

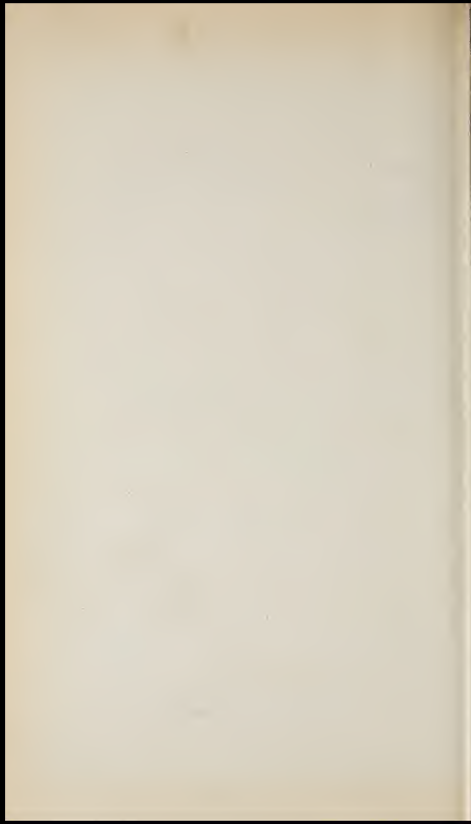
The following named persons were specially commended by Lieutenant *Lemly*, for good conduct on this occasion, viz: Guide *Louis Changrau*, Corporal *Whaler*, Company D, and Privates *Ross* and *Gordon*, Company E, 3d Cavalry.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, March 9, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

The attention of all officers concerned, is called to the provisions of General Orders No. 29, Headquarters of the Army, series of 1876, relative to estimates for clothing, camp and garrison equipage.

Commanding officers of posts and stations will cause the prescribed consolidated estimates (on Form 48, Quartermaster's Department) for the year commencing July 1, 1877, and ending June 30, 1878, to be forwarded to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, so as to reach his office not later than April 30, 1877.

The estimates will be prepared with care and should be made for the authorized allowance as prescribed in General Orders No. 107, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, dated October 31, 1876.

The sizes of all articles required will, when necessary, be stated and such other data furnished as will enable reviewing and issuing officers to act understandingly upon the estimates.

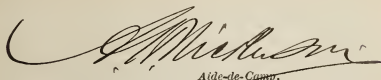
Estimates prepared without proper information as to size, &c., will be returned for correction by the officer receiving them.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, March 10, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7. }

1., Estimates for Quartermaster's Stores, required at posts and stations in this Department, will hereafter be made as follows:

For posts of Fort Hall, Idaho, Fort Cameron, Utah and Camps Stambaugh and Brown, Wyoming, for a period of one year commencing July 1st, of each year.

For posts of Fort Laramie and Fort Fetterman, Wyoming, for a period of six months, commencing July 1st, and January 1st, of each year.

For all other posts and stations (including depots at Omaha and Cheyenne) for a period of three months, commencing on the 1st of July, October, January and April, of each year.

The annual estimates will be forwarded from Post Headquarters to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, so as to reach his office not later than May 1st, of each year; the semi-annual estimates not later than May 15th and November 15th and the quarterly estimates not later than the 1st of June, September, December and March, of each year.

Officers performing duty in the Quartermaster's Department will exercise especial care in the preparation of the estimates to the end that the same may be made full and complete for the actual wants at the stations, but without being unreasonable as to quantities or kinds of stores called for.

Commanding Officers will carefully examine and revise the estimates and, before approving them, see that they are limited to what is essential to efficient service.

The estimates will be prepared in duplicate, and in such form as to set forth the number or quantity of the articles considered necessary during the period estimated for, the number or quantity of said articles which will probably be on hand at the commencement of such period, and the number or quantity remaining to be supplied. (Blank forms to be used in preparation of these estimates are supplied by the Quartermaster's Department.) The application to be made of each article, and the necessity therefor must be stated.

When stoves are called for, the estimate or requisition must be accompanied by a certificate of the Commanding Officer, that the number of stoves asked for will not, together with those on hand in serviceable or repairable condition, exceed the allowance for the post as authorized by General Orders No. 113, Hd. Qrs. Army, A. G. O., 1876.

In case of all articles of variable size, quality, weight, &c., such as nails, iron, stovepipe, window-sash, doors, &c., &c., full description as to size, &c., will be given.

The estimate will be made for the following classes of stores (or such of them as may be needed during the period) arranged in the estimate in the order named, and alphabetically, under each of the headings as on a "Return of Quartermaster's Stores."

1. FUEL, FORAGE AND STRAW.—The number of officers, and their rank, men, landresses, horses, and mules to appear on the estimate.
2. STATIONERY.—Number of officers with rank and command to appear on the estimate.
3. BARRACK AND OFFICE FURNITURE.
4. STOVES, PIPE, AND EXTRA PARTS OF STOVES FOR REPAIRS.—For allowance of stoves see General Orders No. 113, Hd. Qrs. Army, A. G. O., series of 1876.

Attention is also invited to previous instructions, in this order, relative to estimates or requisitions for stoves. Size of stoves, whether for burning wood or coal, and the specific purpose for which required, must be stated. When extra parts of stoves are required, the kind of parts, the pattern and distinguishing marks, of the stove to be repaired, will be stated together with other descriptions necessary to enable the supplying officer to furnish precisely what is needed. In asking for stove-pipe, or elbows, the sizes will be stated.

5. MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION.—To embrace all articles for repair and outfit of transportation at the station. The number of horses, mules, and wagons, to appear on the estimate.

6. HORSE MEDICINES AND VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS.—To conform to the established allowance, see General Orders No. 31, Hd. Qrs. Army, A. G. O., 1876.
7. TOOLS.—To embrace Blacksmith's, Farrier's, Carpenter's, Wheelwright's, Mason's, Saddler's and Miscellaneous tools, but a *separate heading* to be made for each kind.
8. MACHINERY.—Sizes to be given and when parts are required for repairs, the name of maker, date of patent, if any, and such other full description as will enable the supplying officer to determine exactly what is required.
9. BUILDING MATERIAL.—To embrace materials for the ordinary and miscellaneous *minor* repairs to buildings &c., at the station rendered necessary from fair wear and tear, only.
This estimate is not to be confounded in any way with the annual estimates for general repairs called for in paragraph II, of this Order. It is to meet only the usual and necessary wants of the station, during the period covered by the estimate, for supplies, (such as glass, locks, hinges, putty, nails, lime for whitewashing, &c.,) needed on account of ordinary breakage and preservation and police of buildings.
10. MISCELLANEOUS STORES FOR EXPENDITURES.—To include all articles required for service of the Quartermaster's Department not included under foregoing headings.

Quartermasters should, in order to avoid the making of special requisitions, endeavor to include in their periodical estimates all articles that will be required during the period covered by such estimates; but should the necessities of the service actually require that any supplies, other than those furnished on the annual, semi-annual, or quarterly estimates, as the case may be, should be provided before the next periodical estimate is made and can be acted upon, special requisition may be made therefor, but only upon the written orders of the Commanding Officer, reciting the circumstances

making such action necessary. These special requisitions must set forth the number or quantity of the stores asked for, which are on hand at the date of the requisition.

II...The following estimates to be prepared by officers performing duty in the Quartermaster's Department at each post, or station, in this Department, where there are public buildings, will be forwarded through the regular channels to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department so as to reach his office not later than May 15th, of each year, namely:

1. An estimate in detail of material and labor and cost of same for construction of new buildings deemed to be actually necessary at the station during the fiscal year commencing July 1st, following. *Detailed plans of proposed structures must accompany the estimate.*

2. An estimate, in detail, of material and labor and cost of same for such *general* repairs, as are deemed to be actually necessary during the same period.

These estimates will be forwarded in duplicate and will be made out *separately* for construction and for repairs under the general headings:

"Annual estimate for construction."

"Annual estimate for repairs."

The kind and quantity of materials and amount of labor for each structure, which it is proposed to construct or repair, to be stated separately. If civilian labor is estimated for, the number and kind of employes of each class and the number of days required, with compensation, must be shown.

III...All estimates will be accompanied by such recommendations as Commanding Officers may deem necessary for the best interests of the service.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, March 14, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 8. }

On the afternoon of the 23d ult., Second Lieutenant *J. F. Cummings*, 3d Cavalry, with Company C, of that Regiment, and a small party of citizen volunteers, charged and captured on Crow Creek, Dakota, about 50 miles North of Deadwood City, a hostile Indian village of ten lodges.

Owing to the difficulty of access to the village, the inmates succeeded in escaping to the hills adjacent, leaving behind all their blankets, camp equipage and seven ponies. Lieutenant *Cummings* pursued them to the bluffs, capturing seven (7) additional ponies. That night, the Indians attacked the camp with the loss of one of their warriors killed and two of their animals captured.

Among the property taken on this occasion were six hundred (600) sheep, seven (7) head of horned cattle and seventeen (17) ponies and horses, mostly stolen from citizens living in the Black Hills.

The behavior of all the detachment is alluded to in warm terms by its Commanding officer, who makes special mention of the valuable assistance rendered him by the citizens who accompanied his party under command of Mr. *Bradley*.

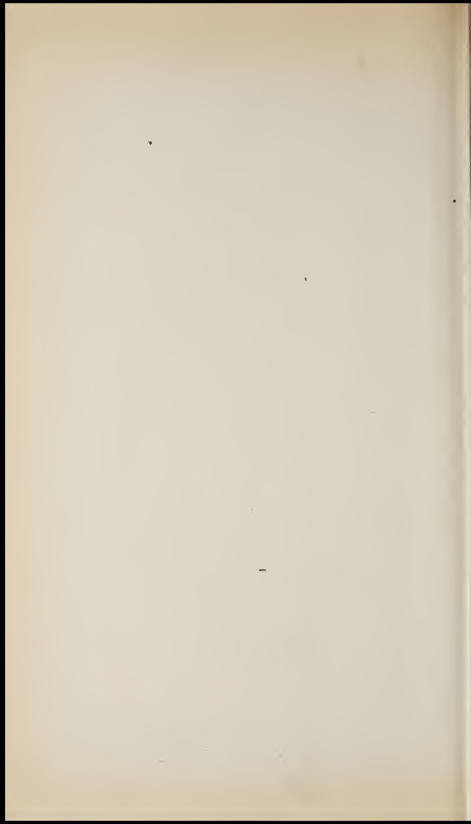
The conduct of Lieutenant *Cummings* and his command on this scout is worthy of all praise. For an officer so young in service Lieutenant *Cummings* has evinced high qualities of energy, skill and courage and to himself and the soldiers and citizens who accompanied him, the Department Commander returns his thanks for the valuable service performed.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, March 16, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 9. }

The gallant fight made by Sergeant *C. A. Bessey* and three Privates of Company A, 3d Cavalry; against a largely superior force of hostile Indians, near Elkhorn Creek, Wyoming, on the 13th of January, is referred to as an example worthy of praise and imitation.

This party, while engaged in repairing the telegraph line between Fort Laramie and Fort Fetterman, was asked to render assistance to three civilian herders, who had just been attacked by hostile Indians. Notwithstanding the odds against them, Sergeant *Bessey* and his detachment immediately proceeded to their relief.

At the first fire, Private *Featherall* was seriously wounded and disabled; two horses were killed and one wounded. The little band fought its way out against superior numbers and carried away the soldier first wounded, although in so doing, two others, Sergeant *Bessey*, and Private *Taggart*, were also wounded.

Sergeant *Bessey* and Privates *Taggart*, *Leonard* and *Featherall*, are hereby thanked and commended for their behavior upon this trying occasion.

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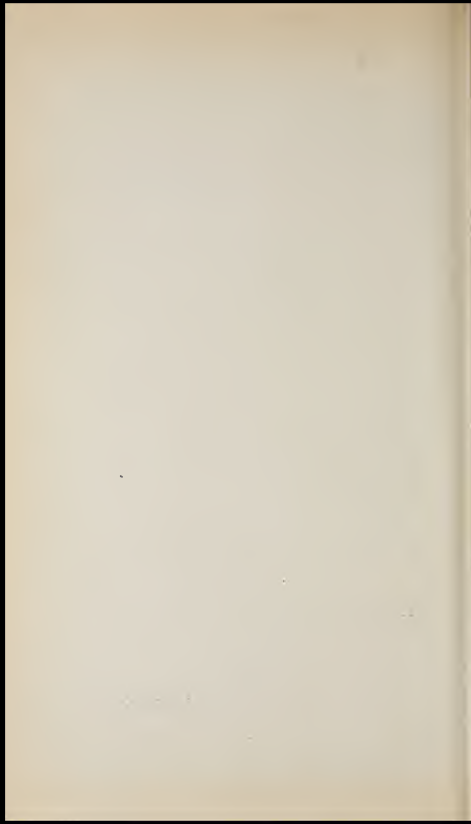
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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, March 20, 1877

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 10. }

I...Requisitions for Ordnance Stores will hereafter be sent by requiring officers to their proper Post Commanders, who will carefully examine and forward them, with their action noted therein, direct to the Chief Ordnance Officer of the Department at these Headquarters.

II...The reserve supplies of arms, ammunition and Cavalry equipments which may be placed at Forts D. A. Russell and Fetterman, and at Camp Robinson, in charge of the Commanding officers of these posts, will be issued by them under special instructions from the Department Commander.

In cases however, of special and immediate necessity, such requisitions will be forwarded by post or detachment Commanders, to the officer commanding that one of the above named posts from which the required stores can be soonest obtained, by whom the issue will be at once made, and who will then forward the requisitions with his action properly noted therein, direct to the Chief Ordnance Officer of the Department.

In forwarding requisitions for these stores to the Commanding officer of either of the above named posts under this authority, Commanding officers will see that the most rigid economy is exercised in such estimates and that only such articles are required as cannot be waited for and are absolutely indispensable. The numbers of men in their commands and the numbers of each kind of article on hand, unless such specification is impracticable, will be accurately stated. Whenever an excess of articles of equipment is called for, the necessity for each excess will be stated.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, April 26, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 12. }

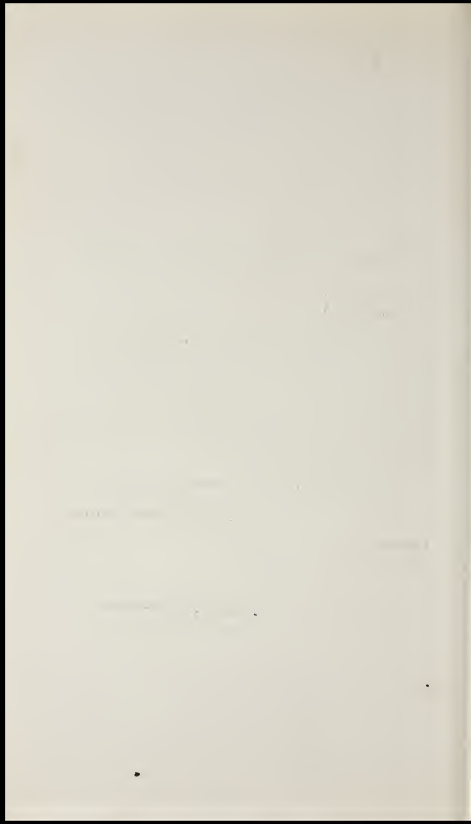
In compliance with the provisions of General Orders No. 33 current series, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, the post of Omaha Barracks, Nebraska, is hereby designated as a depot to which all prisoners who may be sentenced to confinement in the Leavenworth military prison will be sent from the several posts in the Department. When a sufficient number of prisoners have been collected thereat to constitute a party of reasonable size, the necessary orders for their transfer to the prison and for their escort will be issued from these Headquarters.

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Omaha, Nebraska, May 10, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 13. }

In accordance with instructions from the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army, all recruiting within this Department will cease immediately. Non-commissioned officers may be re-enlisted in their own companies, provided they re-enlist at the time of expiration of their term of enlistment and at the posts where their companies are. When a company is below the standard herein prescribed, the Company Commander may re-enlist any good soldier of his company when his term expires, provided it is done on the date of his discharge from previous enlistment and at the station of his company.

The following is the standard fixed for all regiments of infantry: Thirty-seven enlisted men for each Company, and five enlisted men for each Regimental non-commissioned staff; total strength of Regiment, three hundred and seventy-five.

Cavalry regiments are not affected, except that no new enlistments will be made, and re-enlistments only as above indicated.

Company Commanders will forward, through Regimental Headquarters, to these Headquarters, their recommendations for discharge, in time to have the discharges take effect by or before June 15th, 1877, and in such number as will, by that date, reduce their companies to the standard herein fixed. The recommendations will embrace the following classes:

FIRST: Soldiers whose terms of enlistment expire within four months from July 1st, 1877, unless they agree to re-enlist in their companies on the dates of the expiration of their terms of service. All such men are to be absolutely discharged so as to get pay on final statements.

SECOND: Soldiers known to be minors and to have been improperly enlisted.

THIRD: Such soldiers as would forfeit retained pay under General Orders No. 51, of 1872, War Department, Adjutant General's Office.

FOURTH: Soldiers who desire their discharge, which, in the opinion of their Company Commanders, may be granted without detriment to the service.

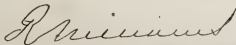
Final action on these recommendations will, under the instructions from the Adjutant General, above referred to, be taken at these Headquarters.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, May 14, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 14. }

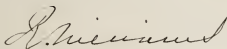
In accordance with instructions from the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army, so much of General Orders, No. 13, current series, from these Headquarters, as relates to the discharge of soldiers whose terms of enlistment expire within four months from July 1st, 1877, unless they agree to re-enlist in their companies at the dates of the expiration of their terms of service, will be construed as applying to all Cavalry, as well as Infantry soldiers, regardless of the strength of regiments.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, May 28, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 15. }

Orders having been received relieving Colonel *R. S. Mackenzie*, the Regimental Staff, and the six Companies 4th Cavalry, from temporary duty in this Department and requiring them to rejoin the Department of the Missouri, the Commanding General takes occasion to express his warmest appreciation of their gallant, soldierly and efficient conduct during the recent campaign against the hostile Sioux.

The duties required of the officers and men of this command have been extremely arduous, and have required on their part, more than ordinary gallantry in action, as well as much exposure and deprivation. The Commanding General is happy to say that these duties have been performed to his entire satisfaction, and while tendering his thanks to Colonel *Mackenzie*, and his command, he commends their example as one worthy of all emulation.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 1, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 16. }

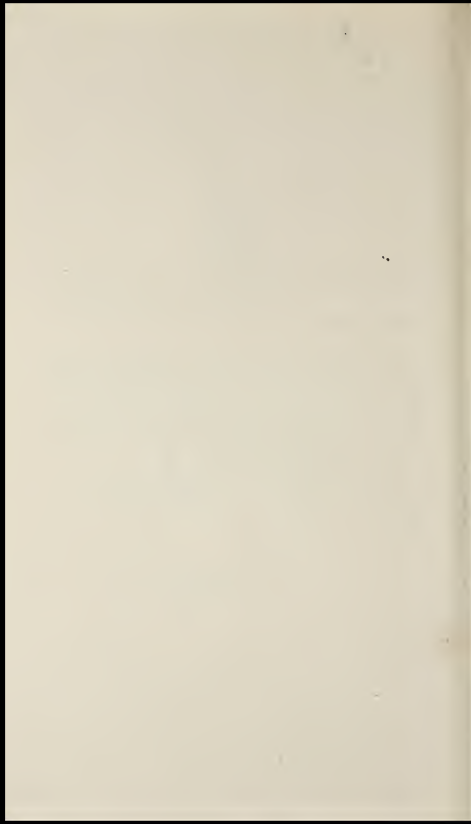
The Department Commander tenders his thanks to First Lieutenant *John G. Thompson*, Second Lieutenant *Francis H. Hardie*, and the enlisted men, composing a detachment 3d Cavalry, for the recent active and successful pursuit of horse thieves, by them, in the vicinity of Fort Laramie. The duty was well performed and the energy displayed by all concerned, worthy of his highest praise.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 25, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 17.

In order to comply with instructions of the Secretary of War, regarding payment of official postage after July 1st proximo, and in the absence of an appropriation therefor, the Chiefs of Staff Departments at these Headquarters will make quarterly requisitions for official postage stamps, upon the heads of their bureaux in Washington in sufficient numbers, to cover the postage of all official matter pertaining to their Departments in this command. Quarterly requisitions for such stamps will also be made by all officers doing staff duty upon the Chiefs of Staff Departments at these Headquarters. The Adjutants of posts, and of commands in the field, will make requisitions upon the Assistant Adjutant General, not only for the stamps required at Post Headquarters, other than as above specified, but for all other official correspondence at their posts not pertaining to the Staff Departments. Requisitions for stamps for posts and for commands in the field, must reach the appropriate offices at these Headquarters on or before the 10th of the month preceding the quarter for which they are required, and the requisitions for stamps from these Headquarters upon heads of bureaux in Washington must be forwarded in time to reach Washington not later than the 20th of the same month.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 30, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 18. }

Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 2, from these Headquarters, dated April 8, 1873, is revoked and the following substituted :

Hereafter, all communications pertaining to questions of Military Justice, monthly reports of prisoners, charges and specifications preferred for trial by General Courts Martial, and all proceedings and records of military courts, and commissions, will be transmitted, addressed to the Judge Advocate of the Department, through Commanding officers of posts, or of troops in the field. Such Commanders will require and observe that the charges are drawn in conformity to law, and will make thorough personal examination into the merits of each case of charges preferred against officers or soldiers of their commands and will endorse thereon, whether or not in their judgment, trial by General Court Martial is required. No charges will be forwarded to these Headquarters, with recommendation for trial, unless the Commanding officer transmitting them is satisfied (from such personal examination) that there are good grounds for the charges, and sufficient provable facts to sustain them when brought to trial. No charges against enlisted men will be forwarded to these Headquarters, recommended for trial by General Courts Martial, in cases where the offences are such as properly come within the jurisdiction of regimental or garrison Courts Martial. Charges will not be referred to General Courts Martial, for trial, by Post or other Commanding officers, unless special authority therefor shall have been previously granted from these Headquarters. Upon the completion of trials by General Courts Martial, the original charges and the official papers and documents, connected therewith, will be returned, by the Judge Advocate of such Courts, with the records of trial, to the Judge Advocate of the Department. Charges which may lawfully be tried by regimental or garrison Courts Martial will be referred to such Courts for trial by the proper Commanding officer, after the exercise of his official revision and, upon completion of such trials, the records of such Courts, with the decisions and orders of the proper Commander entered thereon and the orders promulgating the same, will be forwarded to the Judge Advocate of the Department.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, July 11, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 19. }

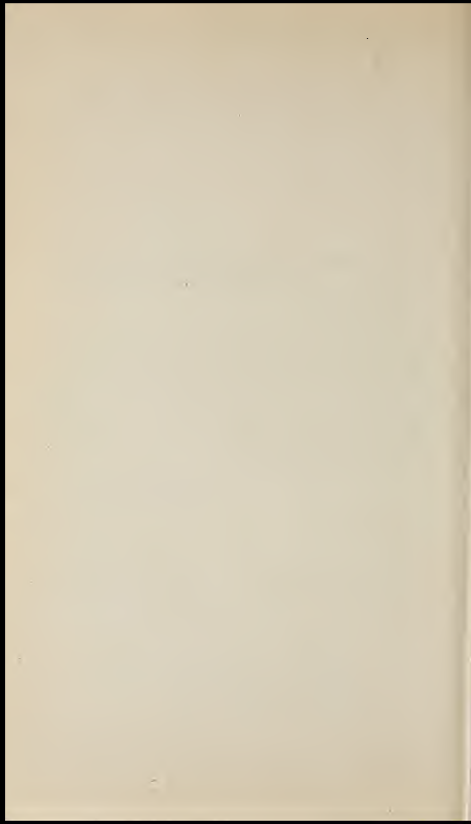
So much of General Orders No. 18, current series, from these Headquarters, as may be interpreted to require proceedings and records of General Courts Martial, Courts of Inquiry and Military Commissions to be transmitted through Commanding officers of posts or troops in the field, is revoked, and Judge Advocates of such Courts and Commissions will forward such proceedings and records *direct* to the Judge Advocate of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, August 23, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 20. }

The Department Commander takes occasion to call the attention of the Command to the good conduct and soldierly bearing, of the troops belonging to this Department who have been recently stationed temporarily in Chicago, as well as of those temporarily on duty in this place, and to say that their orderly behavior and strict attention to duty is worthy of his fullest admiration.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 24, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 21. }

In accordance with General Orders No. 7, current series, Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, by which that portion of the 2d Cavalry, serving in this Department, is transferred to the Department of Dakota, the following assignment of troops to posts vacated by the companies of the 2d Cavalry, is hereby ordered, and the movements rendered necessary thereby will at once take place:

Companies G and K, 5th Cavalry, from Fort McPherson and Sidney Barracks, to Camp Brown; Company E, 5th Cavalry, from Fort McPherson to Fort Sanders, and Company H, 4th Infantry, from Omaha Barracks to Camp Stambaugh.

Each senior officer of the detachments above mentioned will select an Officer as Post Quartermaster, and order him to proceed at once to his post, where he will report to the present Post Commander, by whom he will be assigned to duty as Quartermaster.

The annual allowance of clothing for the companies 2d Cavalry, and the heavy baggage which is absolutely necessary for them and cannot be transported in the transportation allowed each company by General Orders No. 7, will be securely packed, marked, and sent without delay, to Medicine Bow Station, W. T., for transportation therefrom to the Department of Dakota.

The Commanding officer Battalion 5th Cavalry, now operating east of the Big Horn Mountains, will send a suitable command to the new post on the Big Horn, to escort back to Contonment Reno, such transportation used by the 2d Cavalry, as is in excess of that allowed by General Orders No. 7, and which by that order is to be returned to this Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, September 27, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 22. }

Captain *A. H. Nickerson*, 23d Infantry, Aide-de-Camp, will perform the duties of Judge Advocate of the Department, during the absence of Major *Horace B. Burnham*, Judge Advocate, U. S. A., on leave granted him in Paragraph I, Special Orders No. 169, current series, Headquarters of the Army.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 11, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 23. }

In view of the provisions of Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 95, current series, Adjutant General's Office, which require that bi-monthly reports of target practice be rendered by company commanders, through the proper channels, for the information of the Chief of Ordnance, so much of Paragraph 4, General Orders No. 16, series of 1875, from these Headquarters, as directs that a consolidated monthly report of target practice be forwarded to these Headquarters, by the post commander, is hereby revoked.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :



J. A. Williams
Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 19, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 24. }

Commanding officers of posts and detachments will, on their next monthly statement of serviceable arms and equipments, (required by General Orders No. 7, series of 1876, from these Headquarters,) render a report specifying the kind of, and the number on each arm which has been stolen or lost from their present commands during the preceeding twelve months; and they will, in all future monthly statements, make similar reports of the arms which may have been stolen or lost from their commands during the month.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, October 29, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 25. }

The following changes of stations of troops are hereby announced, and the companies mentioned will proceed to their designated posts without delay:

THIRD CAVALRY.

Company B, from Camp Robinson, Neb., to Fort Laramie, W. T.

Company D, from Camp Robinson, Neb., to Fort Sanders, Wyo.

Company K, from Camp at Cheyenne Depot, to Fort Laramie, Wyo.

Companies E and L, from Camp Robinson, Neb., to New Red Cloud Agency, D. T.

Company H, from Camp Robinson, Neb., and Company M, from Camp Sheridan, Neb., to New Spotted Tail Agency, D. T.

Company G, from Camp Robinson, Neb., to Camp Sheridan, Neb.

FIFTH CAVALRY.

Companies A, B, F, H and I, (now in the field near Fort Laramie,) to return to proper station, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.

Companies C, E and M, (now in the field near Fort Laramie,) from Fort McPherson, Neb., to Fort McKinney Wyo.

Company D, (now in the field near Fort Laramie, Wyo.,) to return to proper station Sidney Barracks, Neb.

Company L, (now in the field near Fort Laramie,) from Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., to Fort McPherson, Neb.

FOURTH INFANTRY.

Company F, from Fort Fetterman to Fort Sanders, Wyo.

NINTH INFANTRY

Company A, from Post at North Platte to Fort McPherson, Neb.

Company B, from detached service at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., to its station at Omaha Barracks, Neb.

Company C, from Fort Laramie to Camp at Cheyenne Depot, Wyo.

Company D, (now on detached service at Cheyenne Depot, Wyo.,) from Omaha Barracks, to Sidney Barracks, Neb.

Company F, (now on detached service at Fort McPherson,) from Omaha Barracks, to Fort McPherson, Neb.

Company G, from Camp Robinson to Omaha Barracks, Neb.

Company I, from detached service at Sidney Barracks to proper station, Omaha Barracks, Neb.

Company K, (now on detached service at Fort Sanders, Wyo.,) from Omaha Barracks, Neb., to Fort Sanders, Wyo.

FOURTEENTH INFANTRY.

Companies B and F, from Camp Robinson, and Company C, from Camp Sheridan, Neb., to Camp Douglas, Utah.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, December 10, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 26. }

In view of provisions of General Orders No. 11, current series, Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, so much of Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 10, current series, from these Headquarters, as requires that requisitions for Ordnance Stores be forwarded by post Commanders, *direct* to the Chief Ordnance Officer of the Department, at these Headquarters, is hereby revoked.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, December 29, 1877.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 27. }

The views of the Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department, as herein expressed, relative to the performance of duty by Acting Commissaries of Subsistence and Commissary Sergeants, are approved by the Department Commander, and are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"The following is an extract from a letter written by an Officer in this Department, relative to a Commissary Sergeant:

'The Sergeant seems truly repentant, and I hope and believe, will never again attempt to realize money unlawfully; he seems to have a queer fancy, and from what I have gathered during my investigations, many Commissary Sergeants entertain the same belief, it is, that so long as they keep the Commissary Officer square, all is right.'

"It cannot be known how prevalent among Commissary Sergeants may be the code of honesty as above stated. That it is the rule of conduct with some, is undoubtedly true; that it exists at all, and has opportunity for its exercise, is due considerably to the fact that many Post Commissaries do not attend to the details of their business, but leave them to Sergeants, Clerks, and other employees whose education for responsible trusts has not fitted them to withstand the temptations that may surround them. The whole theory and practice of an efficient and honest public service centres in the requirement that individuality be merged into subordination; that action must be dependent on superior authority, and subject to its supervision, and where the individual is permitted to act without this constant supervision, it is a surrender of order, efficiency and perhaps honesty, and while it is the rule of our public service in all its branches, Civil and Military, to hold its educated and capable agents to a strict accountability in the trusts confided to them, the strange spectacle is too often presented, of a non-Commissioned grade in the Army, given full power to act without check and to go on uncontrolled,

till such liberty ends in speculation, fraud and disgrace. No individual, whatever his position, can regulate his conduct free from embarrassments, unless he has it impressed on his mind, that he is responsible to a higher authority, and where there is no feeling of responsibility and accountability, demoralization is sure to follow."

"Commissary Sergeants should bear in mind that their grade was recently created for the purpose of attaching to the Subsistence Department an intelligent corps of non-Commissioned Officers, whose experience would be of value to the Department, and whose services would compensate the Government for their employment. It is their duty to act for the Government, with intelligence and honesty, and their experience should be used for guarding the Government against loss, and not as a means for education in tricks to defraud, and excusing the bad faith with the lying plea that they thought it all right, so long as they "kept the Commissary Officer square."

"Where Post Commissaries may have virtually abdicated their duties, and remitted them into the hands of Commissary Sergeants or other assistants, they should resume them at once, and use all proper restrictions for their honest performance, bearing in mind that public business is not to be made dependent on confidence in subordinates of whatever capacity but that it should be regulated by business rules and watchful supervision."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 9, 1877.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned :

"Endorsement on communication from the Commanding officer Company G, 1st Infantry, requesting authority to retain three (3) laundresses in his Company instead of two (2) as directed by his post Commander.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

August 2, 1877.

Respectfully returned to the Commanding General Military Division of the Missouri, approved.

The Company is entitled to its full number of laundresses, though it may be temporarily reduced below the authorized standard.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

[Signed.]

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Adjutant General."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Omaha, Nebraska, September 19, 1877.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned :

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, September 8, 1877.

COMMANDING OFFICER,

Fort Wingate, N. M.,

Through Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri.

SIR :

Referring to your endorsement of July 9, 1877, forwarding for instructions, &c., extract from the proceedings of the Post Council of Administration, recommending that certain articles kept for sale by the Post Trader, be stricken from the printed list to be kept posted in his store, etc., your attention is invited to the opinion of the Judge Advocate General in the matter, which is concurred in by the Secretary of War, as follows :

"Respectfully returned to the Secretary of War, with expression of opinion that, under the provisions of the Circular of Instructions relating to Post Traders, issued from the Headquarters of the Army, July 27, 1876, it is the duty of a Council of Administration to establish the rates and prices at which all goods kept by the trader shall be sold. There is no limitation or exception, nor is it conceived there should be. All who are compelled by circumstances to make purchases at the stores of Post Traders, should be alike and impartially protected from exorbitant charges."

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed.]

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Adjutant General.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL :



Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Omaha, Nebraska, September 27, 1877.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following extract from an endorsement of the Commissary General of Subsistence, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned :

“WAR DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE COMMISSARY GENERAL SUBSISTENCE,

Washington, September 14, 1877.

Respectfully returned to Brigadier General *George Crook*, Commanding the Department of the Platte, (through the Lieutenant General, Commanding the Military Division of the Missouri).

The views of the Chief Commissary of the Department of the Platte, as set forth in the 8th endorsement, are concurred in. The following is a copy of an endorsement made by me in a similar case :

“WAR DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE COMMISSARY GENERAL SUBSISTENCE,

Washington, March 28, 1877.

Respectfully returned to Colonel *De. L. Floyd-Jones*, 3d Infantry, (through Headquarters Department of the Gulf.) Section 1144, Revised Statutes, authorizes the Subsistence Department to procure and keep for sale, *at cost prices*, such articles as may be designated by the Inspector General of the Army; therefore I am of the opinion that Hams must be sold to officers and enlisted men *at their actual cost to the Government*, and to insure this, the weight of each ham should be marked upon it at the time of purchase, and the ham sold at the marked weight and the invoiced price per pound, or, if sold at actual weight at time of sale, a sufficient amount must be added to the invoice price to make the amount to be charged for each ham equal its original cost to the United States. The justice of this rule will be apparent when it is considered that the loss of weight of a ham by being kept on hand, is not generally by reason of a wastage of its valuable material, but only a shrinkage through its loss of moisture.’

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[SIGNED.]

R. MACFEELEY,
Com. Gen. Sub.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL :



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Omaha, Nebraska, September 29, 1877.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,

Washington, September 14, 1877.

COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Missouri,
Through Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,
Chicago, Illinois.

GENERAL:

Referring to your endorsement of August 22, 1877, on the inquiry of the Commanding Officer, Fort Hays, Kansas, whether, under provisions of Paragraph 1244, Revised Army Regulations of 1863, the Commissary at that Post can commute five (5) days rations for Private *Henry McCoy*, Company M, 4th Cavalry, now in Post Hospital, but about to join his Company, it being impracticable for him to carry five (5) days cooked rations, I respectfully inform you that the recommendation of the Chief Commissary of Subsistence, Department of the Missouri, in the case, to the effect that the Acting Commissary of Subsistence at Fort Hays, be authorized to pay from funds on hand for rations, to be commuted to Private *McCoy*, while enroute to Fort Sill, Indian Territory, has been concurred in by the Commissary General of Subsistence and approved by the Secretary of War.

The Secretary also approves the recommendation of the Commissary General of Subsistence, that the Department Commander be authorized to order commutation to be paid, in such cases as he may deem it for the best interests of the service.

I am, General,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed,]

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Adjutant General.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, November 26, 1877.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned :

“WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,

Washington, November 15, 1877.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL,
Department of the Platte.

SIR :

The following decision of the Secretary of War, dated November 13, 1877, in relation to advertising, is communicated to you by his direction :

The law requires advertising (Section 3709, Revised Statutes,) for all purchases and contracts for supplies or services, except personal services, and also except in cases when the public exigency requires immediate delivery or performance. But the law does not confine advertising solely to newspapers, and the Secretary of War is of opinion that the circulation to the principal dealers, or to the public, of invitations to bid, either by poster or circular letter, is as much advertising within the meaning of the law as insertion of notices in newspapers. The advertisement in newspapers is to be done when there is sufficient time, as in annual contracts, &c.; but when such advertising is done it must come under the rules growing out of Section 3828, Revised Statutes.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed.]

E. D. TOWNSEND,

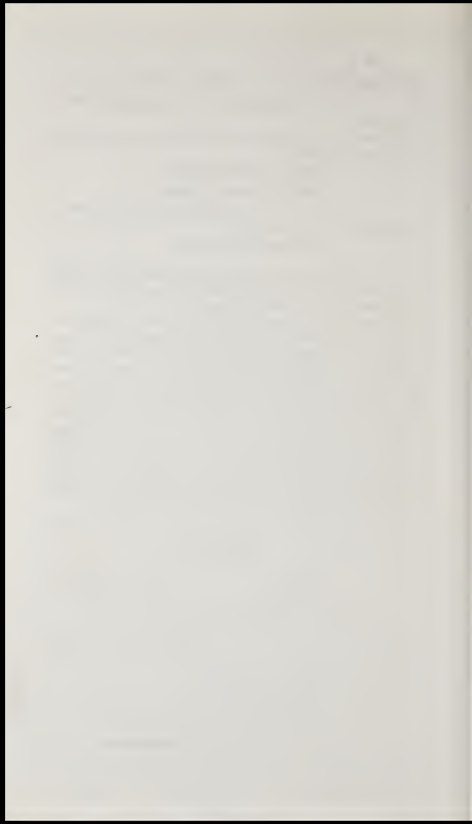
Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, February 12, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 1 }

The following monthly allotment of funds, for the payment of extra-duty men, is hereby established for the several posts in this command, viz:

Omaha Barracks	\$100
Fort Hartsuff	45
Fort McPherson	80
Sidney Barracks.	66
Fort D. A. Russell	100
Fort Saunders	66
Fort Steele	50
Fort Bridger	66
Fort Hall.	45
Camp Douglas	100
Fort Cameron	80
Camp Sheridan	45
Camp Robinson	45
Fort Laramie.	100
Fort Fetterman	66
Fort McKimney	135
Camp Stambaugh	45
Camp Brown	66

Total .. \$1300

Post Commanders are authorized to regulate the number of men of each class—at 20c and 35c per diem—to be employed at their respective posts, as deemed best for the interests of the service, provided the allotments are not exceeded.

The allotment as established is the *maximum* to be allowed, and will not be exceeded after the receipt of this order unless especially authorized from these Headquarters.

In cases where garrisons are temporarily reduced, the expense should be as little as the demands of the service will admit.

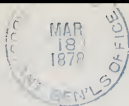
Sufficient funds to pay the extra-duty men employed in accordance with the provisions of this order, and no more, will be furnished monthly, by the Chief Quartermaster, to the several stations in the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, March 13, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 2. }

The attention of all officers concerned, is called to the provisions of General Orders No. 29, Headquarters of the Army, series of 1876, relative to estimates for clothing, camp and garrison equipage.

Commanding officers of posts and stations will cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, so as to reach his office not later than April 30th of each year, the prescribed consolidated estimates (on Form 48, Quartermaster's Department,) for the fiscal year commencing July 1st, following.

The estimates will be prepared with care and should be made for the authorized allowance as prescribed in the latest General Orders, issued from Headquarters of the Army, on the subject. In the preparation of estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1878, see General Orders No. 106, Headquarters of the Army, dated November 24, 1877.

The sizes of all articles required will, when necessary, be stated, and such other data furnished as will enable reviewing and issuing officers to act understandingly upon the estimates.

Estimates prepared without proper information as to size, &c., will be returned for correction by the officer receiving them.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, April 1, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

Under instructions from the War Department, which direct that expenses on account of incidental expenses of the Quartermaster's Department be reduced one-third for the remaining three months of the fiscal year, General Orders No. 1, current series, from these Headquarters, dated February 12, 1878, are hereby modified to authorize but *three-fourths* of the allotment fixed therein for the several posts named.

This reduction to take effect from the date of receipt of this order.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, May 23, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

The following Act of Congress, approved March 16, 1878, and published in General Orders No. 10, current series, Headquarters of the Army, is republished for the information and government of all concerned, viz:

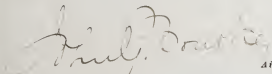
"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, "That in the trial of all indictments, informations, complaints, and other proceedings against persons charged with the commission of crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, in the United States courts, Territorial courts, and courts martial, and courts of inquiry, in any State or Territory including the District of Columbia, the person so charged shall, at his own request but not otherwise, be a competent witness. And his failure to make such request shall not create any presumption against him."

Commanding officers of troops will cause this order to be read to their respective commands as soon as practicable after its receipt, in order that ignorance of the law may not thereafter be alleged.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 27, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

In compliance with Paragraph 2, General Orders No. 38, current series, Adjutant General's Office, and telegraphic instructions from the Headquarters of the Army, dated June 25, 1878, the Headquarters of this Department will be moved to Omaha Barracks, Nebraska, by or before 1st of July next.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha Barracks, Nebraska, July 8, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7. }

The attention of Officers is called to the provisions of Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 8, Adjutant General's Office, series of 1872, and Paragraph 3, General Orders No. 23, series of 1872, from these Headquarters, prescribing rules to prevent payment on fraudulent discharge papers, the neglect of which, causes much delay and expense to the discharged soldier. A *strict* compliance with the orders referred to will, in future, be required.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha Barracks, Nebraska, July 17, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8. }

In obedience to Paragraph 2, Special Orders No. 148, current series, Adjutant General's Office, Major *A. H. Nickerson*, Assistant Adjutant General, is relieved from duty at these Headquarters.

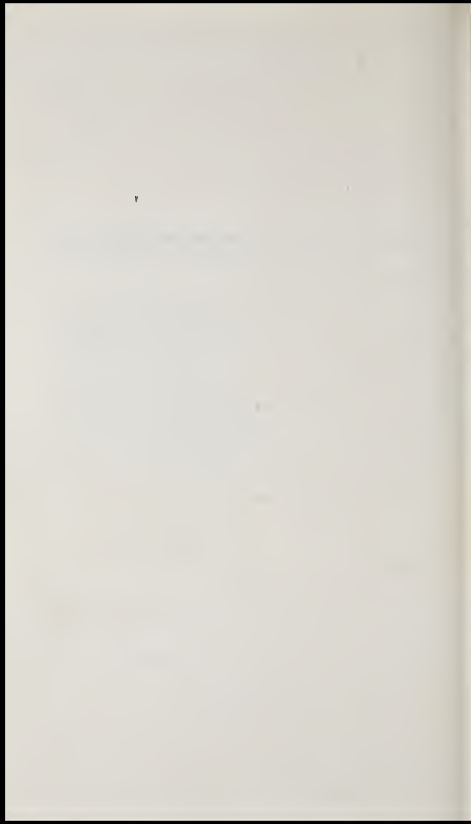
The Brigadier-General Commanding, cannot let pass this occasion for making known his deep sense of obligation for the valuable and distinguished services rendered him by Major *Nickerson*, during the twelve years that that officer has been a member of his military family, and for congratulation upon a promotion so richly deserved, which will assuredly secure a general recognition for the high qualities of mind and character which have won the warm regard and esteem of those from whom he is now to be separated.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha Barracks, Nebraska, August 1, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 9. }

First Lieutenant *John G. Bourke*, 3d Cavalry, is relieved from duty as Acting Chief Ordnance Officer of the Department. The office of Chief Ordnance Officer at these Headquarters is hereby discontinued.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha Barracks, Nebraska, October 16, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 10. }

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,
Washington, October 10, 1878.

COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of Dakota.

GENERAL:

I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with the suggestion of the Second Auditor, based upon recent action of the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, the Secretary of War directs that hereafter, when Indian Scouts furnish their own horses and horse equipments, they will be mustered with the following remark: “Due soldier forty cents (40c.) per day for use and risk of horse and horse equipments.”

I am General,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

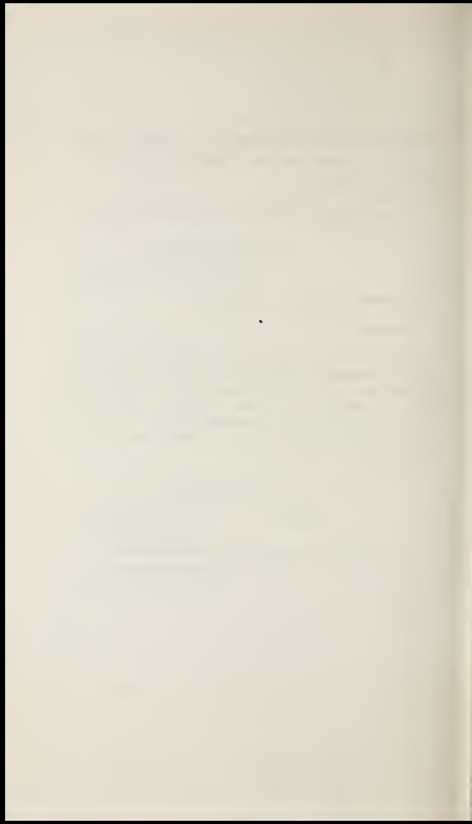
[SIGNED] E. D. TOWNSEND,
Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Omaha Barracks, Nebraska, October 26, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 11. }

All Ordnance Stores now at Fort D. A. Russell, W. T., not in the hands of troops, or required for the service of that post, will be transferred therefrom to the storehouses at Cheyenne Depot which have been prepared for that purpose.

First Lieutenant *William B. Weir*, Ordnance Department, with the detachment under his command is relieved from duty at Fort D. A. Russell, and will take station at Cheyenne Depot.

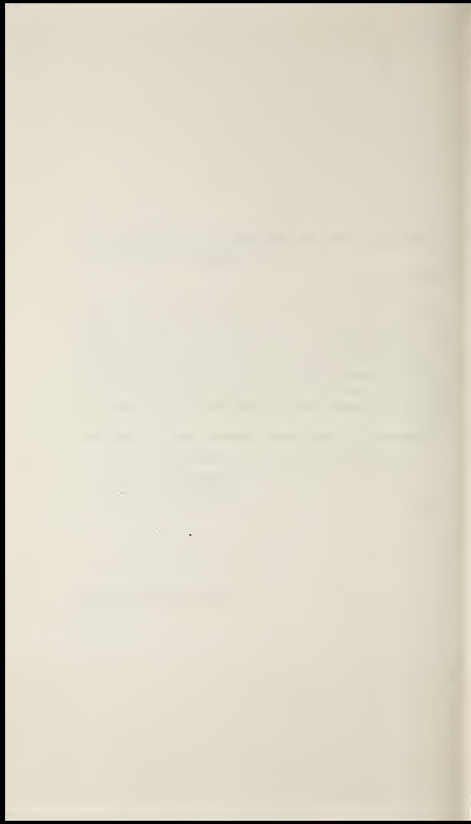
Lieutenant *Weir*, will report direct to these Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha Barracks, Nebraska, November 6, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 12. }

Officers traveling with Government transportation and who may travel a greater distance any day than thirty miles, by which the mules or wagons are in any way disabled or injured, will, upon the proceedings of a Board of Survey, be held accountable for the pecuniary value of such damage.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, April 1, 1878

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that, in order to facilitate indexing, the Secretary of War directs that in addition to the present form of brief on the first fold of proceedings of Boards of Survey, the *purpose* of the examination to be made by the Board be stated, briefly, as in example hereunto annexed.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed.]

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, April 12, 1878.

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information and guidance of all concerned.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



PROCEEDINGS
OF A
BOARD OF SURVEY,
CONVENED AT
FORT BROWN, TEXAS,
By S. O. No. 51, Hdqrs. Dept. of Texas,
March 1, 1878.

PURPOSE:

To examine and report upon a quantity of damaged *Subsistence Stores*, for which Capt. JAMES JOHNSON, Commissary of Subsistence, is responsible.

PRESIDENT,

Major JAMES BROWN, 1st Cavalry,

RECORDER,

Lieutenant WILLIAM SMITH, 2d Infantry.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, May 7, 1878.

[CIRCULAR.]

Commanding officers of posts in this Department will cause the present stock of evaporated potatoes and onions to be issued as an extra issue, at the rate of eight pounds of evaporated potatoes and four pounds evaporated onions to the hundred (100) rations.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha Barracks, Nebraska, August 22, 1878.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following decision of the Secretary of War, relative to the issue and sale of fuel to Acting Assistant Surgeons, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"In any contract made prior to the Act approved June 30, 1878, fuel will be furnished in accordance with the terms of the law existing at the time and the terms of the contract.

"Contracts made since the passage of the Act should conform to its allowances. Acting Assistant Surgeons may purchase fuel from the Quartermaster's Department at legal rates."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha Barracks, Nebraska, November 23, 1878.

[CIRCULAR.]

Thursday, November 28th, instant, having been appointed by the President of the United States, a day of National Thanksgiving, all official business at these Headquarters, except the necessary routine military duties, will be suspended on that day.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, January 7, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 1. }

Hereafter when small arms are turned into the Cheyenne Ordnance Depot for repairs, the invoicing officer will place the distinctive number of each arm on the invoice. The invoice will be accompanied by a statement, setting forth as fully as possible the cause of, and circumstances under which the injury to each arm, (specifying its number,) occurred.

The Officer Commanding the Depot, will return the arms thus received for repairs, as soon as such arms are repaired and rebrowned.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 26, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 2. }

I...Officers responsible for arms, Calibre .45, will forward, without delay, to these Headquarters, a list showing the distinctive numbers of each arm. This list will also state the number of arms which require re-bronzing, as well as the length of time each arm, in need of re-bronzing, has been in service.

II...Until further orders, whenever arms are issued to troops from posts, the Commanding officers of such posts will report to these Headquarters, the distinctive numbers of each arm thus issued with the names of Companies or organizations receiving them.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, March, 15, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

In compliance with General Orders No. 2, current series, Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, which requires the Department Commander to detail the six best marksmen of the enlisted men of his command, and cause them to be sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, with a view to their becoming members of a team to be sent from the Division of the Missouri, to compete at the next annual meeting of the National Rifle Association, at Creedmore, Long Island, the Commanding officer of each Regiment in this Department, will, without delay, select and report to these Headquarters, the name, rank and company of the best marksman in his regiment.

In addition to this, he will report the name, rank and company of the man who has the second best record in his regiment as marksman.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, April 5, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 4. }

Commanding officers of posts will cause all rifles and carbines, calibre .45, not in the hands of troops, at their posts, and which require re-browning, to be invoiced and sent without delay, to the Commanding officer, Cheyenne Ordnance Depot, for repairs. These arms, when finished, will be issued to companies in exchange for those arms which company commanders may desire to turn in, for a similar purpose.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL.

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, April 29, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

In compliance with instructions of the Lieutenant General Commanding the Division, dated January 14th and 22d, 1879, the Military Reservation of Fort Robinson, Nebraska, designated in paragraph 2, General Orders No. 3, series of 1877, from these Headquarters, is, subject to approval of proper authorities, extended and designated as follows:

The initial point of the survey is two (2) miles west of the flag-staff of Fort Robinson. Beginning at the initial point and running thence north two (2) miles; thence east four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) miles; thence south four (4) miles; thence west four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) miles; thence north two (2) miles to the initial point.

The bearings, as given, are true.

The magnetic variation is $15^{\circ} 30'$ east.

Posts five (5) inches square and five (5) feet high, branched U. S. M. R., will be placed to mark the boundary at suitable points.

Area included is eighteen (18) square miles.

The geographical position of Fort Robinson is:

Latitude, (flag-staff), $42^{\circ} 39' 48.33$.

Longitude, (flag-staff), $103^{\circ} 27' 45.00$.

Altitude, (Soldier's Creek), 3764 feet.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, May 9, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

The storehouses at this post being now completed, the Depots at Omaha, will, without delay, be discontinued. All stores thereat which can not with propriety be sent to the Cheyenne Depots, will be removed to this post.

Officers on duty at the Depots in Omaha, will, on or before June 1st, next, take quarters at this post.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, May 16, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7. }

In compliance with instructions from Headquarters of the Army, dated the 3d instant, the Military Reservation of Camp Sheridan, Neb., declared by Executive Order of November 14, 1876, announced in Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 3, series of 1877, from these Headquarters, and extended by Executive Order of April 28, 1879, is announced and described as follows, for the information of all concerned:

Beginning at a point four thousand four hundred (4400) feet north of the center of the parade of Camp Sheridan, and running east one mile; thence south two (2) miles and three thousand nine hundred and forty (3940) feet; thence west two (2) miles; thence north two (2) miles and three thousand nine hundred and forty (3940) feet; thence east one mile to the point of beginning.

The area is five (5) square miles and three hundred and fifteen (315) acres.

The bearings as given are true, the magnetic variation being $15^{\circ} 30'$ east.

Latitude (center of parade) $42^{\circ} 51' 09''$.

Longitude (center of parade) (approximate) $102^{\circ} 38' 46''$.

Posts five (5) inches square and five feet high, branded U. S. M. R., will be placed to mark the new boundary at suitable points.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, May 19, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8. }

I...Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 7, series of 1876, from these Headquarters, requiring monthly statements of serviceable arms, equipments and ammunition, is hereby revoked.

II...The quarterly statements of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, which are required by General Orders No. 1, series of 1876, Headquarters Military Division of Missouri, will, commencing with the second quarter of this year, be forwarded in duplicate to these Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL.

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, May 20, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 9.

Whenever an accident or injury occurs to one of the small arms, calibre .45, in the hands of troops in this Department, of such a nature as to render the arm unserviceable and which can not be repaired in the company, the officer responsible will apply to the Post Commander for a Board of Survey to establish all facts obtainable in the case, as soon after the occurrence of the injury as possible. Such action by a Board of Survey will be necessary before the arm can be presented to an inspector or turned into the Ordnance Depot.

Accidents to cartridges, such as the blowing off of the head of the cartridge case or to arms of calibre .45, which do not render them unserviceable, or the failure of any part of one of these arms to work properly, will be specially reported by the Officer responsible, to this office. Reports regarding such arms should contain the numbers of the arms with such statement of the facts as can be obtained.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, May 31, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 10. }

The attention of all concerned is invited to General Orders No. 104, series of 1876, Adjutant General's Office, which require that: "On arrival of recruits at their destination, the clothing-bags and haversacks which they turn in as unnecessary, unsuitable, or unserviceable, will be properly packed and turned over to the Quartermaster's Department for transportation to Watervliet Arsenal, West Troy, New York, for repairs and reissue to recruiting depots."

The requirements of the above order will, in future be strictly carried out.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "R. Williams".

Assistant Adjutant General.



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bullet striking the target, and to signal and erase it without delay, and with safety to themselves. As a bullet striking an iron target spatters so that its particles are thrown about with great force, it is necessary that the markers should be either placed in a pit at some distance to its front, in a pit directly in rear, or else be provided with a special shelter.

In the case of wooden or paper targets as the bullets pass entirely through them, deep pits should be dug immediately in front of them to thoroughly protect the markers; in rear of each target there should be placed a large wooden butt filled with sand or earth from which the bullets could be recovered for the purpose of remelting and remoulding.

SIGNALS.

When firing takes place at a range, a large danger signal should be displayed high enough and in a position to be readily seen by all persons approaching the range; this large danger signal should be a red flag six feet square. It should not be hoisted on the staff till after the squads have taken their position and the markers are in their pits at the targets. No firing should be allowed from any of the squads till the large danger signal is displayed.

Each squad should be provided with a small danger signal, which should be a red flag 3x4 feet, on a staff 10 feet long. The markers in the pit at each target should, beside having the proper disks, be provided with a danger signal, which, like the one at the firing point, should be a red flag 3x4 feet, on a pole ten (10) feet long.

This flag means danger or cease firing, and is to be hoisted whenever it is necessary to cease firing, to recolor the targets or for any other purpose. No man is on any account to leave the marker's butt until the "cease firing" has been sounded or the danger flag raised at the firing point in answer to the danger signal.

The red flag at the firing point and the one at the target are to be kept flying as long as the markers are out of the butt or any person in the line of the range.

Whenever the "cease firing" is sounded from the firing point, it is to be immediately answered from the markers butt

Any objection to the scoring of a shot as signaled must be made before another shot is fired.

The targets should, if possible, be made of iron of sufficient thickness to be rifle-proof; they should be made in slabs six feet long by two feet wide, arranged with laps so that the slabs may be fitted together to make the targets of the three different classes. Where iron targets cannot be had, wooden targets can be used; on these the bullet holes, after each day's firing, should be carefully plugged up.

Targets made of brown paper, pasted or tacked on wooden frames, will be found to be very inexpensive and very easily made. To make them a tin or sheet-iron stencil is required of sufficient size to cover all the circles to be marked. A stencil for a target of the third class to be made as follows: A square piece of tin or sheet-iron, 4x4 feet, to have a circular opening at its centre 8 inches in diameter; concentric with this there is to be an annular opening half an inch wide, 26 inches in diameter. Another annular opening half an inch wide surrounds this, 46 inches in diameter.

With the paper cut 6x4 feet, and centred, a number of targets can be stenciled in a very short time.

Stencils for the targets of the other classes to be made in the same way.

On iron targets the bull's eye and circles are black and the remainder of the target white. The bull's eye should be colored black with lamp black mixed with turpentine. The circular lines describing the divisions on the targets (which should not exceed half an inch in width), should be painted with coach black mixed with turpentine and a very little boiled oil. Ordinary whitewash with a handful of salt dissolved in each pailful is preferred at Creedmoor to color the targets white. Pots of these paints should be kept near the targets.

The iron targets should be placed upon a wooden platform set at right angles to the line of fire and should be braced from the rear.

The main point to be observed in erecting targets is to so place the markers as to enable them to at once observe every

Inner counts 3, signal white and black circular disk 9 inches in diameter.

Outer counts 2, signal black circular disk 9 inches in diameter.

2. Second class, to be used at all distances over 300 yards to and including 600 yards. Target 6 feet high by 6 feet wide.

Bull's eye circular, 22 inches in diameter.

Centre circular, 38 inches in diameter.

Inner circular, 54 inches in diameter.

Outer circular, 70 inches in diameter.

MARKING, SCORING AND SIGNALING.

Bull's eye counts 5, signal white circular disk 18 inches in diameter.

Centre counts 4, signal red circular disk 18 inches in diameter.

Inner counts 3, signal white and black disk 18 inches in diameter.

Outer counts 2, signal black circular disk 18 inches in diameter.

3. First class, to be used at all distances over 600 yards. Target to be 6 feet high by 12 feet wide.

Bull's eye circular, 36 inches in diameter.

Centre circular, 54 inches in diameter.

Inner square, 6x6 feet.

Outer, remainder of Target.

MARKING, SCORING AND SIGNALING.

Bull's eye counts 5, signal white circular disk 24 inches in diameter.

Centre counts 4, signal red circular disk 24 inches in diameter.

Inner counts 3, signal white and black circular disk 24 inches in diameter.

Outer counts 2, signal black circular disk 24 inches in diameter.

The disk for inner same as preceding targets, white ground with black cross. Ricochet scored R., red flag waved twice to right and left in front of target. Ricochet hits will be marked out after the flag signal.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, June 5, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 11. }

I...The following instructions in Rifle Practice, which are based on the rules of the National Rifle Association of America, otherwise known as the "Creedmoor System," are published for the information and guidance, as far as practicable, of all concerned:

RANGES.

In selecting a range, safety to the public must first be considered. To avoid the sun, the targets must be placed at the northern end of the range, and if this is not practicable, as near in that direction as possible, on the east or west side.

Every range is to be carefully and accurately measured, and the distances defined by a line of pegs at intervals of 50 yards, commencing at 100 yards from the target and continuing to 900 yards, or to the extent of the ground if under that distance. These pegs also serve as guides to prevent firing on a wrong target—a fruitful source of accidents.

TARGETS.

The targets are divided into three classes and will be of the following sizes:

1. Third Class—to be used at all distances up to and including 300 yards. Target 6 feet high by 4 feet wide.

Bull's eye, circular, 8 inches in diameter.

Centre, circular, 26 inches in diameter.

Inner, circular, 46 inches in diameter.

Outer, remainder of target.

MARKING, SCORING AND SIGNALING.

Bull's eye counts 5, signal white circular disk 9 inches in diameter.

Centre counts 4, signal red circular disk 9 inches in diameter.

by raising the "danger" signal; and in like manner the "commence firing" is to be answered by lowering it. On no account is a shot to be fired when the danger signal is up at the marker's butt. Whenever a bullet strikes the target so that the circumference of the mark cuts the outer edge of the bull's eye, or centre or inner or outer, it is to be signaled and counted in all practices as hitting the bull's eye, centre, inner or outer, as the case may be. No shot is to be counted in any practice where the mark of the bullet, in part or the whole is not seen on the face of the target.

Ricochets or shots which strike the ground before hitting the target are to be signaled by waving the red flag twice to the right and left in front of the target and are to be counted as misses in individual firing, but noted in the register by the letter R. As these shots make an oblong mark on the target the outer edge of which is an ellipse, while a direct shot makes either a hole or a star, they can be easily distinguished.

There should be a trumpeter at the firing range during military practice for the purpose of blowing the call for "commence firing" and for "cease firing" at the commencement and termination of the practice or when an intermission in the firing is desired for any purpose whatever.

When the markers take their posts in the pits at the targets, they at once display the danger flag and keep it flying until "commence firing" has been sounded, when they take it down, provided everything is in readiness; they then conceal themselves well in the pit until after a shot has been fired, when they display the danger flag; they then wait a few seconds before leaving the pit, until the signal at the firing point can be seen, plant the staff of the danger flag firmly in the embankment before the target, and taking the proper disk corresponding to the position of the shot, hold it so that its centre is over the bullet mark on the target; after this is done the shot is marked off the target, the markers return to the pit and when securely concealed the danger flag taken down. A score of the shots is noted on a printed form, after each is distinctly seen by one of the men in the pit and a similar score is kept at the firing point after the disk denoting it is

made out. A miss is signaled by waving the danger flag in front of the target.

No loading should be allowed except at the firing point, and then in the position of "ready" the muzzle of the rifle being kept to the front; if the danger signal is displayed or the command "danger" given after a man has loaded, he will bring down his piece and throw open the breech-block to avoid all danger of an accidental discharge. If the firing is suspended for any length of time, he will remove his cartridge. This rule is general and should be strictly enforced.

RIFLES.

Military rifles—weight (without bayonet) not to exceed 9 lbs. 4 oz., stock sufficiently strong for military purposes and such as to admit the use of a sling; minimum pull of trigger six (6) lbs. Sights to be bona fide military pattern, to be attached to the barrel and to be without any movable adjustment other than for the rear sight a hinged leaf and slide to be moved by hand only. In military team matches (unless otherwise specified) competitors must use the rifle with which the organization to which they belong is armed at public expense. Filing or altering the sights of such rifles (except as authorized by the military authorities) or using them in any other way than as originally intended, is prohibited. Sights may be blackened but not whitened or colored. Any pad or shoe for the heel of the butt is disallowed.

Competitors shall submit their rifles and ammunition for inspection whenever required.

No hair or set triggers will be allowed.

No fixed or artificial rests will be allowed.

SHOOTING.

Two sighting shots shall be allowed to every competitor at each distance, unless otherwise specified.

Sighting shots cannot be counted upon a score in any competition. In all competitions confined to military organizations competitors shall shoot in the authorized uniforms of their corps, including waist belts. In all military matches each team will be limited to an average of one minute per shot, for each squad to complete its score.

In all competitions restricted to military rifles, the competitors shall place themselves at the firing point by twos, who shall fire alternately until they have fired all their shots.

Competitors may wipe or clean out their rifles during any competition except those restricted to the use of military rifles. In competition for more than one distance restricted to military rifles, cleaning out will be permitted between distances.

No two competitors shall be allowed to shoot with the same rifle in the same match.

POSITION.

In all matches (except those for cavalry carbines) the position up to and including 300 yards, shall be standing. The left elbow may be rested against the body provided the little finger of the left hand is in front of the trigger guard. In all military Infantry matches of 400 yards, the position shall be kneeling; at distances above 400 yards, any position may be taken in which the head is towards the target.

In Cavalry carbine matches, the position at 200 yards, shall be standing; at 300 yards, kneeling; over that distance any position with the head towards the target.

Sighting shots may be fired in any position without artificial rests. In all cases the gun shall be held clear of the ground.

TIES—IN INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION.

Ties shall be decided as follows in the order stated:

1. When the firing takes place at more than one distance, by the score made at the longest distance; and if still a tie and there be three distances in the competition, by the score at the second distance.
2. By the fewest misses.
3. By the fewest outers.
4. By the fewest inners.
5. If still a tie by the inverse order of shots, counting singly from the last to the first.
6. By firing single shots at the the longest distance.

IN TEAM SHOOTING.

1. By the aggregate score made at the longest distance.

2. By the fewest misses.
3. By the fewest outers.
4. By the fewest inners.
5. By the competitor on each side who has made the highest score, firing five rounds at the longest distance.

When the ties are shot off, one sighting shot will be allowed.

CLASSIFICATION OF MERIT.--FIRING SINGLY.

In this branch of individual firing, the men begin in the third class, by firing at a third class target at 100, 150 and 200 yards, until it is considered that they have been sufficiently drilled to warrant a classification, when they are caused to shoot five shots at 150 yards and five shots at 200 yards; those who have made, by the addition of their scores at each of these ranges 25 points or over, are then formed into the second class, and those who have not, are to fire again in the third class.

The second class will fire at a second class target, the poorest shot of this class kneeling at 300 yards and lying at 400 yards; and the others kneeling at 400 and lying at 500 yards. When sufficiently drilled, a second classification will be made, the third class firing as before; in the second class five shots will be fired at 400 yards, and five shots at 500 yards; and all those in either of the two classes who have made 25 points or over, will be promoted; those of the second class into the first, and those of the third class into the second, the others to remain in the second and third classes respectively.

During the third period of practice, the second and third classes will practice as before. The first class will fire at 200 yards standing, and 500 yards lying; five shots (with two sighting shots) being fired at each distance.

A final classification will be made in each class. Those who have made 25 points or over in the first class, will be designated "marksmen." Those who have made 25 points or over in the second and third classes will be promoted as before.

A list of each company arranged in classes should be published, and posted where it can be consulted by the men.

CAVALRY PRACTICE.

Cavalry armed with carbines will fire as follows:

1. Third class as prescribed for Infantry.
2. Second class to fire at a second class target at 250 and 300 yards, five shots, kneeling, at each distance; all making 25 points or over, to pass into the first class.
3. Those of the first class will fire with carbines at 200 yards, standing, at a third class target, and at 300 yards, kneeling at a second class target, five shots at each distance, and all making 25 points or over, will be classed as "marks-men."

II...Until further orders, all rifle practice in this Department, will, as far as possible, be had in accordance with the foregoing rules.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General

OFFICIAL.

Assistant Adjutant General.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, June 21, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 12. }

Hereafter soldiers or teamsters traveling between posts in this Department, will not obtain forage or fuel, while en route, at any other than the regular authorized stations, unless specially required to do so by the order under which the journey is performed.

If fuel or forage is thus obtained at unauthorized places, it will be charged to the party receipting for it, unless it can be clearly shown that the necessity for obtaining it was unavoidable.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, June 28, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 13. }

Major *Henry C. Pratt*, Pay Department, Chief Paymaster of this Department, having been placed upon the Retired List, by Orders of the President, is relieved from duty in the Department. He will transfer the public funds for which he is accountable, to Major *R. D. Clarke*, Pay Department, who, until further orders, will perform the duties of Chief Paymaster.

In the many years service which Major *Pratt* has rendered to the Government, he has, by his unblemished character and his faithful discharge of all duty, won the respect and admiration of every command with which he has been associated. The record for upright conduct which he has made during his long career, is beyond reproach and cannot be too highly commended as an example.

The Department Commander regrets the separation which Major *Pratt's* retirement renders necessary, and he feels assured this regret will be shared in by all to whom Major *Pratt* is known.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, July 1, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 14. }

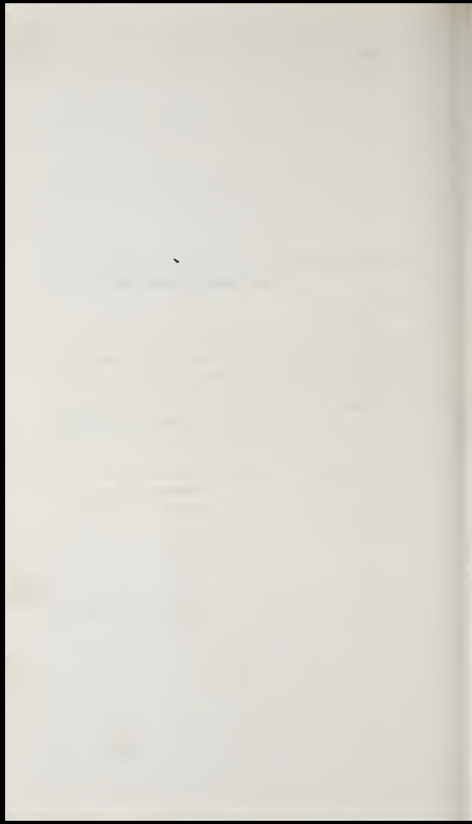
Captain *Thomas Wilson*, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. A., having reported at these Headquarters, in compliance with Paragraph 3, Special Orders No. 126, current series, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, will relieve Major *John P. Hawkins*, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. A., as Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department, and as Purchasing and Depot Commissary at Omaha, Nebraska.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, July 7, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 15. }

In compliance with instructions from the War Department, dated June 25, 1879, the number of cartridges allowed per man, per month, for target practice, this fiscal year, has been increased from 20 to 30.

Company Commanders in forwarding requisitions for cartridges will be governed accordingly.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, July 25, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 16. }

Major *John P. Hawkins*, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. A., Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department, having completed the transfer of Commissary Property, Subsistence Stores and Funds, to Captain *Thomas Wilson*, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. A., is relieved from duty in this Department, and will proceed to comply with Paragraph 3, Special Orders No. 126, current series, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office.

The Department Commander takes this occasion to express his high appreciation of the very satisfactory and efficient manner in which Major *Hawkins* has performed the duties of Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department, and to place upon record the fact that this performance of duty has been fully in accordance with Major *Hawkins*' well known character and high sense of duty. He regrets that the necessities of the service have required the transfer of Major *Hawkins* to another command.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



[Please substitute this for the original copy of this order to correct a clerical error in the geographical position of Fort McKinney.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 6, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 17. }

In compliance with instructions from Headquarters of the Army, dated the 11th ultimo, the following described military reservations declared by Executive Order of July 2d, 1879, are announced for the information of all concerned:

1. *Fort McKinney, Wyoming Territory, new site of post.*

Beginning at a point two (2) miles east of the center of the parade of Fort McKinney, and running thence south two (2) miles; thence west four (4) miles; thence north four (4) miles; thence east four (4) miles; thence south two (2) miles to the point of beginning.

The area is sixteen (16) square miles. The courses are true as fixed with a magnetic variation of 17 degrees east, determined in August, 1877, at the former site, 51½ miles south-east of Fort McKinney.

Latitude (approximate) 44° 23' 10."

Longitude (approximate) 106° 46' 04." west from Greenwich.

2. *Depot McKinney, Wyoming Territory, former site of post of Fort McKinney, for camping and grazing purposes, &c.*

Beginning at a point one-half (½) mile west of the center of the Parade, and running thence north one-half (½) mile; thence east one (1) mile; thence south one (1) mile; thence west one (1) mile; thence north one-half (½) mile to the point of beginning.

The courses are true, the magnetic variation being 17 degrees east.

The area is one (1) square mile.

Latitude (center of parade) 43° 47' 05' 6.

Longitude (center of parade) 106° 15' 12' 75 west from Greenwich.

Altitude (center of parade) 4291 feet.

Posts five (5) inches square and five (5) feet high, branded U. S. M. R., will be placed to mark the boundaries of the two reservations at suitable points.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 16, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 18. }

I...Major *Charles J. Sprague*, Paymaster, U. S. A., having reported at these Headquarters, in compliance with Paragraph 9, Special Orders No. 151, current series, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, is assigned to duty as Chief Paymaster of the Department.

II...Major *R. D. Clarke*, Paymaster, U. S. A., is relieved from duty as Acting Chief Paymaster of the Department, and will transfer the public funds for which he is accountable as Acting Chief Paymaster, to Major *Charles J. Sprague*, Chief Paymaster of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 26, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 19. }

The following endorsements of the Commissary General of Subsistence, and the General of the Army, concurred in by the Secretary of War, who directs that the views therein expressed be carried into execution, are published for the information and guidance of all concerned, viz:

“WAR DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE COM. GEN'L. SUBS'CE.,

Washington, June 16, 1879.

Respectfully returned (through the Surgeon General) to the Adjutant General, non-concurring in the views of the Medical Director of the Department of the Platte, and the Surgeon General, that, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, quoted in General Orders No. 19, Headquarters Department of the Platte, series of 1875, “it is *implied* * * that a ration shall be issued “to civilians admitted to post hospitals for medical treatment. The opinion, upon this point, is that “a reasonable charge should be made for the board of such inmate, and all moneys received from such sources, whether for food, medicines or medical attendance, should be added to the hospital fund, and accounted for as such.” This language, it seems to me, leaves little, if anything, implied. It requires “a reasonable charge” to be made “for the board of such inmate,” and that “all moneys received from such sources, whether for food, medicines or medical attendance,” be “added to the hospital fund and accounted for as such.” The only interpretation, or implication I am able to give to such plain directions is that the civilian inmate is to be supplied with food, medicines &c., at the expense of the hospital fund, and that the charge of one dollar per day upon each inmate is to be paid into said fund for the sole purpose of reimbursing it for the several items of expense mentioned, and not for increasing its ordinary revenues. No other view of the case is, in my opinion, conformable to law or regulations; there being no law, regulations or order authorizing the issue of rations to civilians not employed in the military service of the United States, while the diversion of appropriations to purposes other than those for which they are respectively made, is strictly prohibited by Section 3678, Revised Statutes.

Should the views expressed in the endorsement (2d) of the Medical Director of the Department of the Platte, and concurred in by the Surgeon General, be adopted or sustained by the Secretary of War, it would in my opinion, be an unauthorized gratuity, amounting in value to the cost of a ration, from the appropriation for Subsistence of the Army, to the Hospital Fund of a post.

(Signed)

R. MACFEELY,
Com. Gen'l Subs'.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

Washington, June 19, 1879.

I agree with Gen. *Macfeely*, that the Hospital fund obtains the necessary stores for the food of civilian patients by *purchase* of the local Commissary, and is reimbursed by the civilian patient who pays \$1.00 per day for "food, medicines and attendance."

The Surgeon of the post has no right to draw rations for citizens in Hospital by a simple Requisition or Provision Return as he does for enlisted men, but can obtain the necessary provisions of the Commissary, or in open market, "by purchase" from the money in the Hospital fund, which fund is afterwards reimbursed by the charge of one dollar per day.

This is the only fair way, and fulfils the terms of the order of the War Department, quoted.

(Signed)

W. T. SHERMAN,
General."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, September 16, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 20. }

Upon the recommendation of the Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department, General Orders No. 4, series of 1874, from these Headquarters, are amended as follows:

Hereafter, at the following Posts in this Department, viz: Cheyenne Depot, Fort Douglas, Fort McPherson, Fort Omaha, Fort D. A. Russell, Fort Sanders, Fort Sidney and Fort Fred. Steele, there will be made on the first day of every month, a requisition (not in duplicate), for such Subsistence Stores for issues and for sales, as may be required, for a period of ninety days, or to the end of the third month.

The requisitions for various periods from each and all the Posts in the Department, other than those enumerated above, and including the new Post on the Niobrara River, (when the latter post shall have been established), required to be made on March 1st, April 1st, May 1st, June 1st and July 1st, will be made for a period of ninety days each, or to the end of the third month, instead of for the various periods the existing order requires for those dates, and the requisitions for the same posts, to be made on *August 1st*, will be for ten months.

The *eleventh clause* of Paragraph 1, is amended so as to require that *every article on hand in fit condition for issue, &c., be entered, whether a supply of it is wanted or not*, instead of reading, "*no article will be entered unless a supply of it is wanted*," as set forth in that clause.

The *twelfth clause* is stricken from the order referred to, and the following will take its place, viz: "*Enter upon requisitions for sales, the amount of each article consumed during a precious period of time equal in length to that for which the requisition is made.*"

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, September 27, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 21. }

Upon the receipt of the printed "Course of Instruction in Rifle Firing," prescribed in Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 86, current series, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, the reports of target practice required by letter from these Headquarters, dated August 21, 1879, will no longer be required.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, October 16, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 23. }

It is the painful duty of the Department Commander to announce to the troops in this Department the death of Major *Thomas T. Thornburgh*, 4th Infantry, who was killed in an action with hostile Indians on Milk Creek, Colorado, September 29, 1879.

On graduating from the United States Military Academy, June 17, 1867, Major *Thornburgh* was appointed Second Lieutenant 2d Artillery. He served at the Presidio, San Francisco, California, from November 2, 1867, to February 25, 1868; at Fort Monroe, Va., (Artillery School for Practice), from April 13, 1868, to May 1869; at Alcatraz Island, Cal., from June 4, 1869, to November 10, 1871, except while detached at Sitka, Alas., from August 23, to November 17, 1869, and at San Diego, Cal., from December 6, 1869, to April 2, 1870.

He was promoted to First Lieutenant 2d Artillery, April 21, 1870; served as Professor of Military Science at East Tennessee University, from November 27, 1871, to June 20, 1873, and in garrison at Fort Foote, Md., from June 30, 1873, to April 27, 1875.

He was appointed Paymaster, U. S. A., April 26, 1875, and was stationed at San Antonio, Tex., from June 12 to August 12, 1875; at Fort Brown, Tex., from August 13, 1875, to January 20, 1877, and at Omaha, Neb., from February 6, 1877, to, May 23, 1878.

He was transferred as Major to the 4th Infantry, May 23, 1878, and was on duty Commanding Fort Fred. Steele, W. T., from June 29, 1878, to September 21, 1879.

At the time of his death Major *Thornburgh* was en route from Fort Fred. Steele, W. T. with a command, to the Agency of the White River Utes, to protect their Agent and to preserve order among them. He was attacked by this tribe at the crossing of Milk Creek, about twenty miles north of the Agency, and was killed while gallantly and efficiently performing his duty.

As an officer, Major *Thornburgh* was active, ambitious, and

actuated by a high sense of duty. His private life corresponded with his official reputation. It was unexceptionable and without a blemish.

His death was that of a brave and faithful officer, and it has, without doubt, caused much grief to the officers of this Department, by whom Major *Thornburgh*, was personally well known.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, October 18, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 24. }

The Department Commander tenders his warmest thanks to Colonel *Wesley Merritt*, 5th Cavalry, Captain *Francis S. Dodge*, 9th Cavalry, Captain *J. Scott Payne*, 5th Cavalry, and to the officers and men under their commands, for the energy, gallantry and good conduct they have displayed in the recent outbreak of the White River Utes. The Department Commander feels compelled to say that where all have done so well, it is impossible for him to select, for individual mention, the name of any one officer or soldier.

He is much gratified to know that every officer and soldier who participated in the affair, has not only done his duty, but that each is entitled to special thanks for the exceptional courage, endurance and prompt action with which each has performed his duty.

The occasion was one demanding the exercise of the highest qualities an officer or soldier can possess. Major *Thornburgh* had been killed while gallantly fighting the Utes at the head of his men. His command, under Captain *Payne*, had been surrounded by them in overwhelming numbers.

The conduct of Captain *Payne* and his command in their prolonged defense, under the most disheartening circumstances; of Captain *Dodge* and his small command, in volunteering to go to the relief of Captain *Payne*, and in successfully joining him notwithstanding the enormous odds against them; of Colonel *Merritt* and his command, in their prompt concentration and rapid march, which resulted in the relief of Captains *Dodge* and *Payne*, with their commands, is beyond praise.

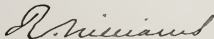
The Department Commander feels confident that the records of the Army afford no brighter instance of gallant and zealous service, than has been performed by each officer and soldier engaged in this affair.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, October 24, 1879.

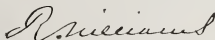
GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 25. }

Commanding officers of posts, as well as of detachments in the field, will cause all issues of clothing, camp and garrison equipage, made to companies, to be reported in detail to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, at the end of each month. The first report will cover the period from July 1st to September 30, 1879, inclusive.

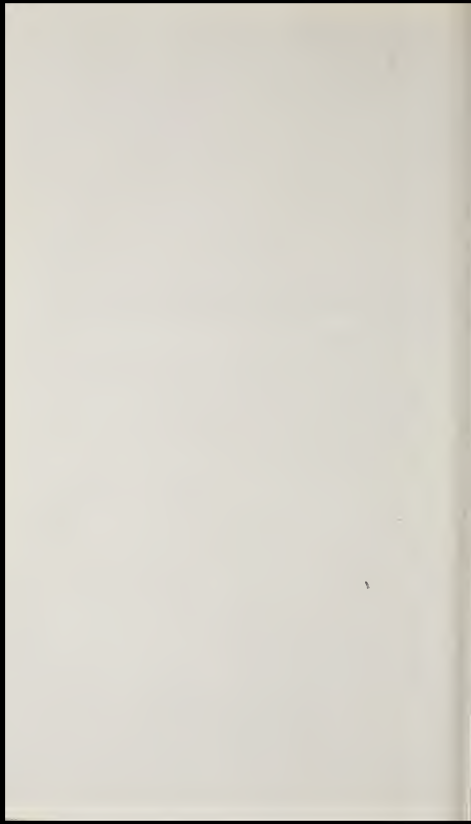
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ROBERT WILLIAMS,
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OFFICIAL:



Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, November 19, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 26. }

I...In compliance with instructions from the Headquarters of the Army, dated the 8th instant, the following described Military Reservation declared by Executive Order of November 4, 1879, is announced for the information of all concerned:

A Wood and Timber Reservation for use of the posts of Forts Sanders and D. A. Russell, and for Cheyenne Depot, Wyoming Territory,

Embracing Sections 20 and 30, Township 15 north, Range 71 west of the Sixth Principal Meridian, being in the Territory of Wyoming.

Posts 5 inches square and five feet high, branded U. S. M. W. & T. R., will be placed to mark the boundaries at suitable points.

The reservation is $28\frac{1}{2}$ miles west 12 degrees north from Fort D. A. Russell and Cheyenne Depot, and 11 miles nearly due east from Fort Sanders.

II..In compliance with instructions from Headquarters of the Army, dated the 8th instant, the following described Military Reservation declared by Executive Order of November 4, 1879, is announced for the information of all concerned:

A Wood and Timber Reservation for use of the post of Fort Robinson, Nebraska,

Beginning at a point five miles due west of the flag-staff of Fort Robinson, Neb., and running north four (4) miles; thence west four (4) miles; thence south four (4) miles; thence east four (4) miles to the point of beginning.

The courses are true.

The magnetic variation is $15^{\circ} 30'$ east.

The area is sixteen (16) square miles.

Latitude, (flag-staff) $42^{\circ} 39' 48''$

Longitude, (flag-staff) $103^{\circ} 27' 45''$ west from Greenwich.

Posts five (5) inches square and five feet high, branded U. S. M. W. & T. R., will be placed to mark the boundaries of the reservation at suitable points.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, November 26, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 27. }

In compliance with instructions from the Headquarters of the Army, dated the 14th instant,

A Military Reservation for Wood and Timber for use of the post of Fort Cameron, Utah Territory,

declared by Executive Order of November 10, 1879, is announced for the information of all concerned, with boundaries described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the south boundry, one mile and three thousand nine hundred and forty-three (3,943) feet east of the south-west corner of the Military Reservation of Fort Cameron, Utah, as enlarged by Executive Order of April 13th, 1877 and announced in General Orders No. 11, April 25, 1877 from Headquarters Department of the Platte, and running thence south two (2) miles and one thousand five hundred and forty (1,540) feet; thence south $69^{\circ} 30'$ east one thousand three hundred and seven (1,307) feet to the left (south) bank of Birch Creek; thence following and meandering said left bank of said Birch Creek and the left (south-east) bank of its northernmost branch (successively in a south-easterly, easterly, and north-easterly direction) seven and one-half ($7\frac{1}{2}$) miles to Rocky Butte near its source; thence north three and three quarters ($3\frac{3}{4}$) miles to Rocky Mountain on right bank of Beaver River at Upper Narrows; thence west two (2) miles and one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the eastern boundary of the said military reservation; thence south following said eastern boundary one (1) mile and four thousand three hundred and twenty (4,320) feet to the south-east corner of said military reservation; thence west following the south boundary of said military reservation four (4) miles and one thousand three hundred and thirty-seven (1,337) feet to the point of beginning.

The courses are true and run with a magnetic variation of $16^{\circ} 05'$ east as determined by the U. S. Land Survey in December, 1869.

The area is 21,338-640 square miles.

Latitude of Fort Cameron $38^{\circ} 16' 40'' 59$.

Longitude, $112^{\circ} 36' 20'' 52$ west from Greenwich.

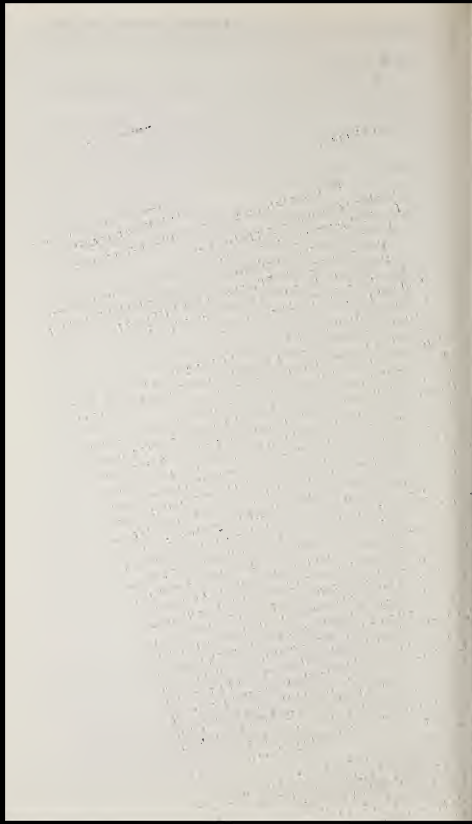
Posts five (5) inches square and five (5) feet high, branded U. S. M. W. & T. R., will be placed to mark the boundaries of the reservation at suitable points.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, December 12, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 28. }

I...In compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 3, Special Orders No. 262, current series, Adjutant-General's Office, Major *Charles I. Sprague*, Pay Department, is relieved from duty as Chief Pay Master of this Department. He will transfer the public funds for which he is accountable, to Major *T. H. Stanton*, Pay Department.

II...Major *T. H. Stanton*, Pay Department, having reported at these Headquarters, in compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 3, Special Orders No. 262, current series, Adjutant General's Office, is assigned to duty as Chief Paymaster of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, December 29, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 29. }

In compliance with instructions from the Headquarters of the Army, dated the 10th instant, the following described Military Reservation declared by Executive Order of December 10, 1879, is announced for the information of all concerned:

A Reservation for the post of Fort Niobrara, Nebraska, authorized by Act of Congress, approved June 23, 1879, embracing Sections 26 and 35 in Township 34 north; Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11 in Township 33 north; and all that part of Sections 22, 23, 27, 33 and 34 in Township 34 north and of Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9 in Township 33 north, lying on the right (south and east) bank of the Niobrara River—all in Range 27 west of the Sixth Principal Meridian, in Nebraska. The area is nine square miles and 434.84 acres.

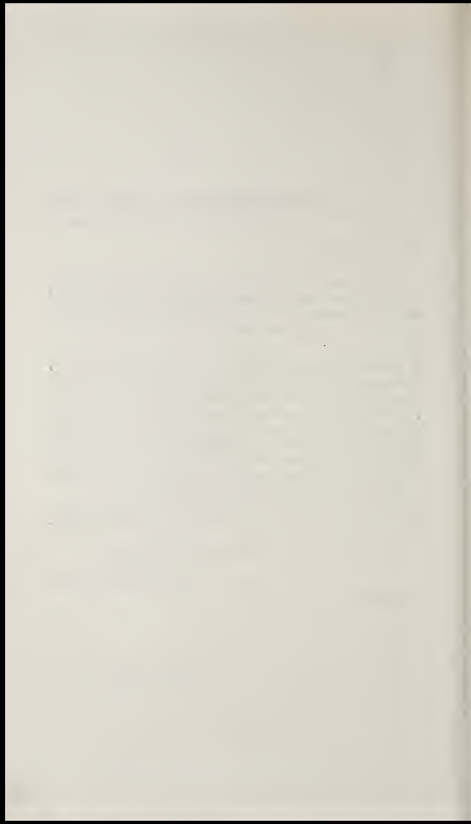
Posts 5 inches square and five feet high, branded U. S. M. R., will be placed to mark the boundaries at suitable points.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, December 31, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 30. }

The Military Reservation of Camp Sheridan, Nebraska, which was originally declared by Executive Order of November 14, 1876, and announced in Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 3, series of 1877, from these Headquarters, and subsequently extended by Executive Order of April 28, 1879, as announced in General Orders No. 7, current series, from these Headquarters, is, by Executive Order of December 10, 1879, further enlarged for the purpose of supplying wood and timber for the use of the post, and is accordingly, in compliance with instructions of the 13th instant from the Headquarters of the Army, announced for the information of all concerned, with boundaries described as follows:

Beginning at the north-east corner of the Military Reservation of Camp Sheridan, Nebraska, as extended by Executive Order of April 28th, 1879, and announced in General Orders No. 7, of 1879, from Headquarters Department of the Platte, and running east two and one half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) miles; thence south four (4) miles and three thousand nine hundred and forty (3940) feet; thence west six (6) miles; thence north four (4) miles and three thousand nine hundred and forty (3940) feet; thence east three and one half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) miles to the point of beginning.

The courses are true. The magnetic variation is $15^{\circ} 30'$ east.

The area is 28 square miles and 305 acres.

The reservation extends 4400 feet north, 3 miles and 4820 south, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles east, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west from the centre of the parade.

Latitude, (center of parade) $42^{\circ} 51' 9''$.

Longitude, (approximate) $102^{\circ} 38' 46''$.

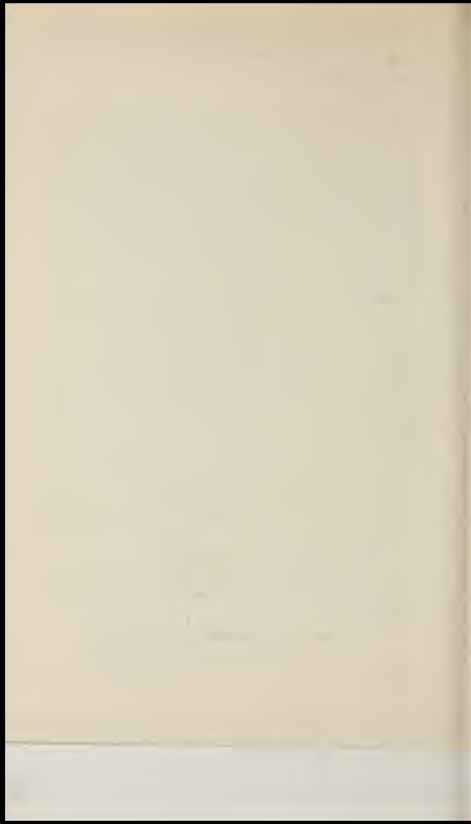
Posts five (5) inches square and five (5) feet high branded U. S. M. R., will be placed to mark the new boundary at suitable points.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, January 28, 1879.

[CIRCULAR.]

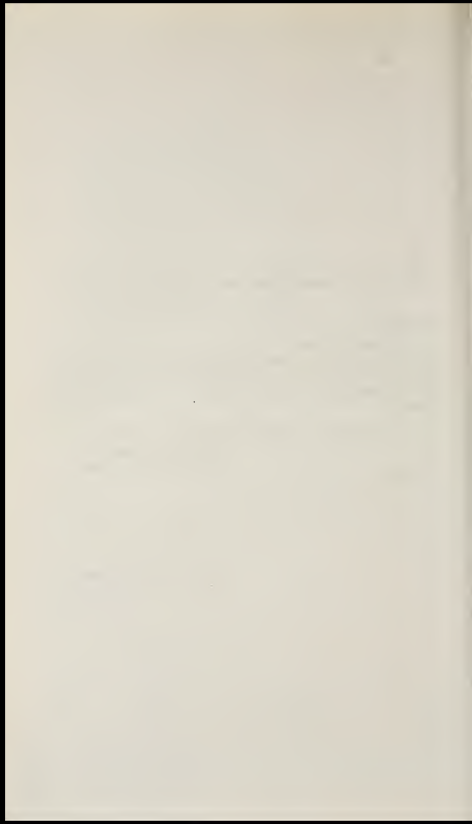
Commanding officers of companies will, without delay, render reports to this office; (through Post Headquarters), showing what success has attended the rebrowning of small arms, if attempted by them, with the browning material now issued.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 3, 1879.

[CIRCULAR.]

In compliance with instructions of the Lieutenant General Commanding the Division, dated January 28, 1879, the following circular of the Indian Bureau, on the subject of passes to Indians, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

December 23d 1878.

SIR:

Many complaints having from time to time reached this office of the absence from their reservations of various bands of Indians, it is deemed necessary that the instructions embraced in Circular Letter to Superintendents and Agents issued under date of December 17th, 1874, forbidding the exercise of such roaming propensities, on the part of Indians, should be repeated, with certain modifications.

You are instructed to notify the Indians under your supervision that they must confine their movements wholly within the limits of their respective reservations; that under no pretext must they leave the same without a special permit in writing from the Agent, approved by this office, and no such permit will be granted except it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Agent and the Office, that the issuance of the same will inure to the benefit of the applicant or applicants, and will in no event be likely to prove disadvantageous to the Indian service. The interchange of visits between different parties or bands of Indians residing on reservations widely separated from each other, is very objectionable, especially in cases where the route of travel from one

reserve to the other necessitates frequent contact with white settlements, or mining districts.

Whenever it shall be deemed either necessary or judicious to grant to Indians a permit of the character above mentioned, an escort of police should accompany them. You will endeavor by every means in your power to impress upon the minds of your Indians the urgent necessity existing for a strict compliance with these instructions, and warn them that without this protection they are liable to be looked upon and treated as hostile Indians, subject to arrest and punishment.

Very Respectfully,

[SIGNED.]

E. A. HAYT,
Commissioner."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 7, 1879.

[CIRCULAR.]

Post Commanders will, without delay, forward to these Headquarters, reports from all officers commanding companies at their respective posts, specifying whether the screws in the brass screwed boots and shoes penetrate through the insoles, and hurt the feet of the wearer; and if so, the length of time the shoes &c., are worn before such penetration of the screws is noticed.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, March 29, 1879

[CIRCULAR.]

In accordance with instructions from the Adjutant General's Office, the pasting of printed labels upon official communications which are intended for these Headquarters, or which must necessarily pass through them, is prohibited.

The directions for folding, briefing and endorsing official letters, prescribed in General Orders, No. 22, series of 1871, A. G. O., must be strictly followed by all officers in this Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, April 5, 1879

[CIRCULAR.]

The Circular dated March 29, 1879, from these Headquarters, is hereby revoked, and the following substituted:

In accordance with instructions from the Adjutant-General's Office, the pasting of printed labels upon all official communications in this Department is prohibited.

The directions for folding, briefing and endorsing official letters, prescribed in General Orders No. 22, series of 1871, Adjutant General's Office, must be strictly followed by all officers in this Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 22, 1879.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following is published for the information of all concerned:

“POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,

Washington, D. C., August 1, 1879.

HON. GEORGE W. MCCREARY,

Secretary of War,

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th ult., enclosing copy of letter from Colonel *T. L. Crittenden*, 17th Infantry, complaining of the action of the carrier of the New York office, in refusing to receive official stamps of the War Department, tendered by him in payment of postage due.

In reply I have to say that the New York Postmaster has been instructed to receive in future, official postage stamps of any Department of the Government, tendered by officers known to be connected with any of those Departments, in payment of postage due upon mail matter arriving at his office for them.

Very respectfully,

[Signed] JAMES H. WARR,
Act'g. 1st Asst. P. M. General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, January 2, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 1. }

General Order No. 25, series of 1879, from these Headquarters, is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. Williams".

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, January 3, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 2. }

The Ordnance Department has been informed that the present shape of the buckhorn-notch of the new rifle sight, is objected to by officers who were marksmen at Creedmore. Before making any change, the Department desires the opinions of officers of the line, as to the best form of sighting-notch for all purposes of the service.

Post Commanders will, without delay, ascertain the opinions of the officers of their commands on this subject, and will forward reports containing these opinions with their own on this subject, to these Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, January 12, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 3. }

The Military Reservation of Fort Sanders, W. T., which was declared by Executive Order of January 7, 1867, and enlarged by Executive Order of June 28, 1869, as announced in Paragraph 2, General Orders No. 34 of 1869, from these Headquarters, has been reduced by Act of Congress approved June 9, 1874, as promulgated in General Orders No. 60 of 1874, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, and is accordingly, in compliance with instructions of November 12, 1879, from the Headquarters of the Army, announced for the information of all concerned, with boundaries described as follows:

Beginning at the point where the old stage road to Salt Lake crosses the Big Laramie River, one mile and 3677 feet north $20^{\circ} 11'$ west from the flag-staff of Fort Sanders, and running thence east four miles; thence south four and one half miles; thence south $69^{\circ} 15'$ west six miles and 665 feet to the intersection of Five Mile Creek with the south boundary of the reservation as enlarged by the aforesaid Executive Order of June 28, 1869; thence northerly meandering the said Five Mile Creek seven miles and 3468 feet to its confluence with the Big Laramie River; thence north-easterly meandering the said Big Laramie River three miles and 3551 feet to the point of beginning.

The courses are true.

The magnetic variation at date of survey in 1874 was 16° east.

The area is 30 square miles and 491.48 acres.

Latitude, (flag-staff) $41^{\circ} 17' 26''.89$.

Longitude, $103^{\circ} 34' 59''.56$ west from Greenwich.

At the completion of the survey in August, 1874, red sand-stone posts five feet long and five inches square, with the

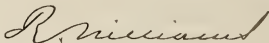
chiseled inscription "U. S. M. R., 1874," were set three feet in the ground at points and with additional inscriptions respectively as follows, viz: One seventy feet due east of the initial point with "W. S., N. W. C." and "70 feet" with an arrow head; one at the north-east corner with "N. E. C."; one at the south-east corner with "S. E. C."; one on the south boundary twenty feet from the south-west corner at Five Mile Creek with "W. S., S. W. C.," and "20 feet" with an arrow head; and one forty-five feet due west of the intersection of Five Mile Creek and the channel of the Big Laramie River with "W. S." and "45 feet" with an arrow head.

The boundaries were marked with stakes set in mounds of earth at intervals of one half a mile.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 6, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 4. }

The following communication is published for the information and guidance of all concerned, viz:

WAR DEPARTMENT,

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., January 21, 1880.

To the Commanding General,
Military Division of the Missouri, Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that it has been decided by the War Department to publish in the next Annual price list of Clothing and Equipage, the enclosed tariff of sizes which should, as far as practicable, be adhered to by officers making and approving estimates:

The time for making the Annual requisitions for the next fiscal year will soon arrive, and I earnestly request that inasmuch as clothing of the new pattern only will hereafter be issued to the enlisted men which as a rule will fit them, if properly estimated for, without further alterations the tariff be adhered to in making the estimates.

The appropriations granted by Congress for Clothing and Equipage are so limited, that it becomes the duty of the Quartermaster General to use all possible diligence to prevent waste of materials which surely will ensue if the practice of drawing exclusively large sizes, for the purpose of re-cutting, is adhered to.

A new pattern great coat of size 2, for instance, will fit a man 5 feet 10 inches in height.

It is also noticed that the requisitions calling for excessively large numbers of the largest sizes, generally require shoes,

boots and caps, of the smallest sizes. This fact, in itself, is sufficient evidence that the estimates are not correctly made.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[signed]

STEWART VAN VLIET,

Acting Quartermaster General,

Bvt. Major General, U. S. A.

ARTICLES.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	* $6\frac{3}{4}$	$6\frac{7}{8}$	7	$7\frac{1}{8}$	$7\frac{1}{4}$	$7\frac{3}{8}$						
Boots and shoes					3	10	30	35	14	4	3	1
Helmets & dress caps	16	28	22	20	10	4						100
Forage caps	20	30	25	15	7	3						100
Uniform coats	30	45	20	5								100
Great coats	20	40	30	10								100
Stable frocks	15	45	30	10								100
Trowsers	10	45	30	10	5							100
Drawers	15	45	30	10								100

*The figures on this line indicate the trade sizes of hats and caps corresponding to the numbers above, which represents the sizes of the Quartermaster's Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 10, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

Officers accountable for Springfield Rifles and Carbines numbered below 50,000, at posts and in the hands of troops in this Department, will, without delay, make requisitions for arms of later manufacture. Upon the receipt of the new arms, those numbered below 50,000 will be turned in to the Commanding officer Cheyenne Ordnance Depot, who will ship them and all others that may be in his possession below the number stated, to the National Armory.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 18, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

The Military Reservation of Fort McKinney, W. T., originally declared by Executive Order of July 2, 1879, as announced in General Orders No. 17, series of 1879, from these Headquarters, is, by Executive Order of February 2d, 1880, enlarged for the purpose of supplying the post with wood and timber and the enlargement is accordingly, in compliance with instructions of the 5th instant from the Headquarters of the Army, announced for the information of all concerned, with boundaries described as follows:

Beginning at the south-west corner of the military reservation of Fort McKinney, as declared in Executive Order of July 2d, 1879, and running west six (6) miles; thence north four (4) miles; thence east six (6) miles to the north-west corner of the said military reservation; thence south following the west boundary of the said military reservation four (4) miles to the point of beginning.

The area of the enlargement is twenty-four (24) square miles, and that of the original reservation was sixteen (16) square miles.

The boundaries of the aggregate tract of forty (40) square miles now embraced in the reservation as thus declared and enlarged by the aforesaid executive orders are announced and described as follows:

Beginning at a point two (2) miles east of the center of the parade of Fort McKinney, and running thence south two (2) miles; thence west ten (10) miles; thence north four (4) miles; thence east ten (10) miles; thence south two (2) miles to the point of beginning.

All courses are true. The magnetic variation (determined in August, 1877, at Depot McKinney) is 17° east.

Latitude (approximate) $44^{\circ} 23' 10''$

Longitude (approximate) $106^{\circ} 46' 04''$ west from Greenwich.

Posts five (5) inches square and five (5) feet high, branded U. S. M. R., will be placed to mark the new boundary at suitable points.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, March 11, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7. }

The Military Reservation for Wood and Timber for the use of Forts Sanders and D. A. Russell and of Cheyenne Depot, Wyoming Territory, originally declared by Executive Order of November 4, 1879, as announced in Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 26, series of 1879, from these Headquarters, is, by Executive Order of February 25, 1880, enlarged by the addition of the two adjacent sections numbered 28 and 32 in the same township; and the reservation as thus declared and enlarged by the aforesaid executive orders is, in compliance with instructions of the 28th ultimo from the Headquarters of the Army, announced to comprise Sections 20, 28, 30 and 32 in Township 15 north, Range 71 west of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Wyoming, embracing an area of 3 square miles and 620.64 acres.

The reservation is about 28 miles, west 12 degrees north, from Fort D. A. Russell and Cheyenne Depot, and 11 miles nearly due east from Fort Sanders.

Posts five (5) inches square and five (5) feet high, branded U. S. M. W. R., will be placed to mark the new boundaries at suitable points.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, May, 8, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8. }

The following correspondence is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,

Washington, April 14th, 1880.

To the Commanding General,

Department of the Platte,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska,

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SIR:

Referring to your endorsement of the 4th instant, forwarding communication from the Commanding Officer Fort Robinson, Nebraska, requesting that an officer be ordered to report to him for Garrison Court-Martial duty, with an endorsement thereon of Major *Burnham*, Judge Advocate, in which that officer states he is in doubt as to whether General Orders No. 15, of 1880, from this office is permissive or mandatory, and asks for an authoritative decision as to its proper construction; I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary of War has decided that the order in question is *mandatory*.

Under the new Article of War therein cited (74th,) all Courts must have a Judge Advocate.

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Adjutant General.”

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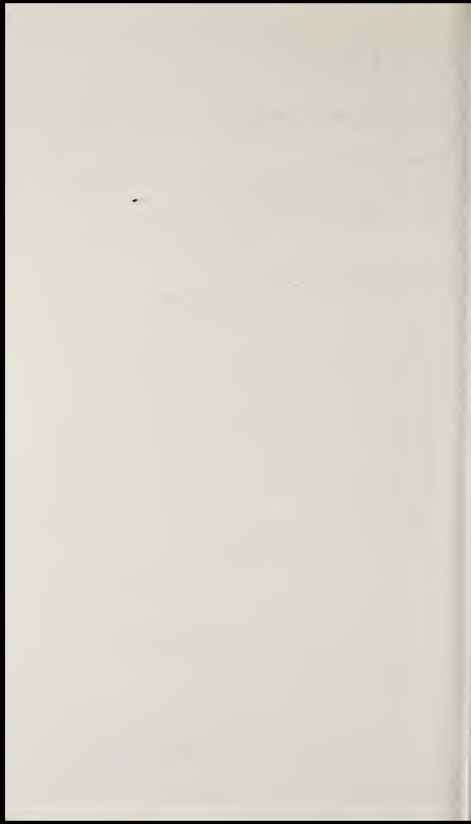
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, May 10, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 9. }

In compliance with General Orders No. 4, current series, Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, which requires the Department Commander to detail the six best marksmen of the enlisted men of his command, and cause them to be sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, with a view to their becoming members of a team to be sent from the Division of the Missouri, to compete at the next annual meeting of the National Rifle Association, at Creedmore, Long Island, the Commanding officer of each Regiment in this Department, will, without delay, select and report to these Headquarters, the name, rank and company of the best marksman in his regiment.

The name, rank and company of the man who has the second best record as marksman, in each regiment, will also be reported.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, June 14, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 10. }

In compliance with instructions from the Headquarters of the Army, dated the 3d instant, the following described Military Reservation declared by Executive Order of May 31, 1880, is announced for the information of all concerned:

A Wood and Timber Reservation for use of the Post of Fort Sidney, Nebraska,

Embracing Sections 6 and 18, Township 17 north, Range 52 west; and Sections 12, 14 and 24, Township 17 north, Range 53 west of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Nebraska.

The area is four (4) square miles and 635.35 acres.

The reservation is 28 miles north 45 degrees west from the post.

Posts five (5) inches square and (5) feet high, branded U. S. M. R., will be placed to mark the boundaries at suitable points.

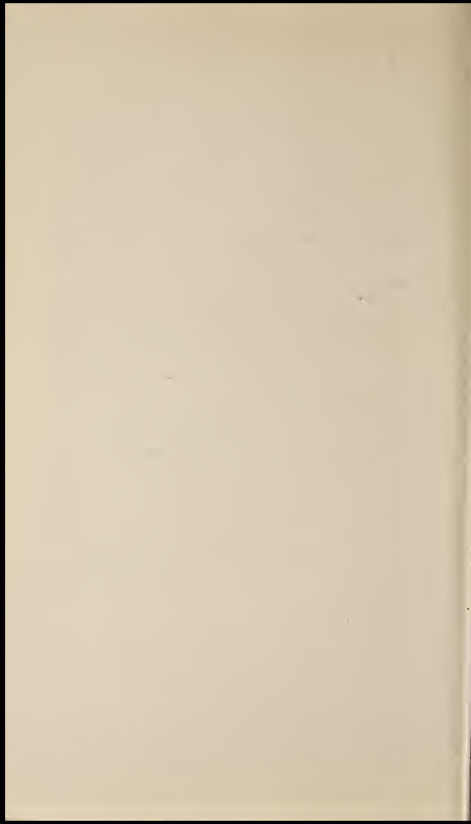
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, July 3, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 11. }

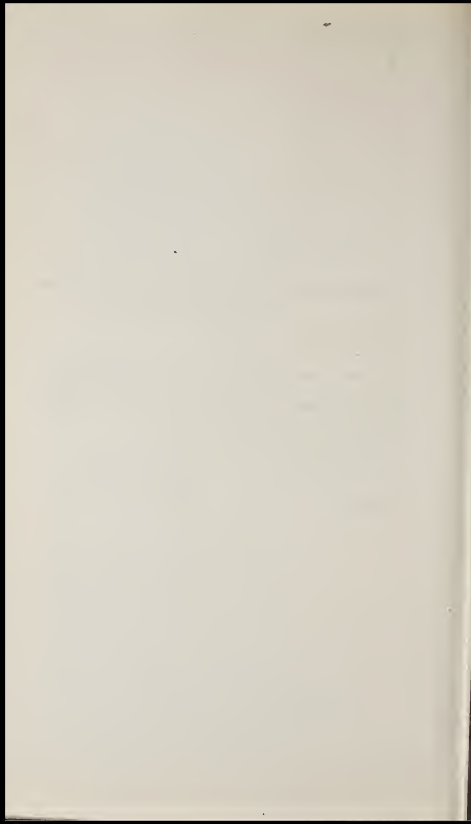
Hereafter, mounted officers, who desire to purchase horses from the Government, will state in their application to these Headquarters for permission to do so, the time when such horses were received, either in the Company, or by the Quartermaster who is accountable for them.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, July 31, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 12. }

In accordance with telegraphic instructions from the Lieutenant General commanding the Division of the Missouri, dated July 28, 1880, the Headquarters of this Department will return to the city of Omaha, Neb.

This transfer will be carried into effect when suitable accommodations in Omaha can be obtained and in such manner as least to interfere with the transaction of the public business.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK :

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, November 1, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 13. }

The following correspondence is published for the information and guidance of all concerned :

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, October 19, 1880.

COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte,

Fort Omaha, Neb.

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SIR :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your endorsement of October 6, 1880, forwarding communication of Commanding Officer, Company D, 9th Infantry, in which he requests to be informed whether the Subsistence Department is authorized to add ten per centum to the cost price of Subsistence Stores, sold to Companies since July 1, 1880, and in reply thereto to invite your attention to the following report of the Commissary General of Subsistence, which is concurred in by the Secretary of War, viz :

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"Subsistence supplies sold since July 1, 1880, to companies, detachments and hospitals, for the exclusive use of such companies, detachments or hospitals, should have been sold at cost prices, not including cost of transportation. If anything in excess of cost has been paid for such supplies, this excess should be refunded to the proper officer, and his receipt therefor taken, and filed with the account of the officer refunding it. Upon the receipt should appear, in detail, the facts in the case."

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Sg.]

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, November 2, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 14. }

The following letter from the Adjutant General is published for the information of all concerned, and will be complied with by all officers serving in this Department:

“WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, October 22, 1880.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL.

Department of the Missouri.

(Through Headqrs. Mil. Division of the Missouri.)

SIR:

I have the honor to inform you that the Quartermaster General reports that a practice has grown up among officers serving in your Department, along the line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad of issuing vouchers in favor of the Western Union Telegraph Company for telegrams sent and received on public business, and of surrendering the vouchers to the Telegraph Company, *in violation of General Orders 77 of 1873 and 15 of 1878.*

These certified vouchers have been presented by the Manager of the Western Union Company in this city for payment, to the Quartermaster General's Office and from that office referred to the Treasury for settlement, from the Appropriation of Incidental Expenses of the Quartermaster's Department, under General Orders No. 75 of 1873.

As there is no reason known to the Department for making an exception in this case to the general custom of officers of the Army settling for public telegrams from their private funds and obtaining reimbursement from the Pay Department, and as in any event there appears to be a positive violation of General Orders, in surrendering the certified vouchers, I am directed by the Secretary of War to call your attention to the matter, in order that the necessary action may be taken with a view to putting an end to the practice.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[SIGNED.]

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, December 2, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 15. }

In compliance with instructions from the Headquarters of the Army, dated the 15th ultimo, the following described Military Reservation declared by Executive Order of November 9, 1880, is announced for the information of all concerned:

A Wood and Timber Reservation for use of the Post of Fort Fred. Steele, Wyoming Territory:

Embracing Section 6 in Township 16 north, Sections 31 and 32 in Township 17 north, both in Range 80; and Section 1 in Township 16 north, Range 81—the ranges being west of the 6th Principal Meridian, in Wyoming.

The area is (approximately) 4 square miles and 375 acres.

The reservation is 37 miles, south 45° east of the post.

Posts 5 inches square and 5 feet high, branded U. S. W. and T. R. will be placed to mark the boundaries at suitable points.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, December 4, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 16. }

Commanding Officers of posts will cause all surplus iron bunks, worth transportation and repairs, and now at their posts, to be invoiced and sent, without delay, to the Depot Quartermaster at Cheyenne or Omaha, as may be most convenient.

They will also cause reports to be made, without delay, to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, of the number of iron bunks, surplus, to be shipped under this order, as well as of the number necessary to be retained at their respective posts.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, December 23, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 17. }

The following correspondence is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,

Washington, December 17, 1880.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte,
Thro’ Hd. Qrs. Mil. Div of the Missouri.

SIR:

Referring to your endorsement of the 6th instant, forwarding communication from Captain *J. S. Payne*, 5th Cav’y., in which he asks if the men who participated in the affair with the Utes at Milk River in Sept. and October, 1879, are entitled to wear the war chevron therefor; I have the honor to inform you the General of the Army decides, that, to the troops actually engaged at White River the war chevron should be allowed.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed.]

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, December 24, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 18. }

As military prisoners frequently arrive at Fort Omaha, Neb., en route to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, without blankets or over-coats, Commanding officers from whose posts such prisoners are sent, will see that they are provided with sufficient clothing to prevent suffering until their arrival at Fort Leavenworth.

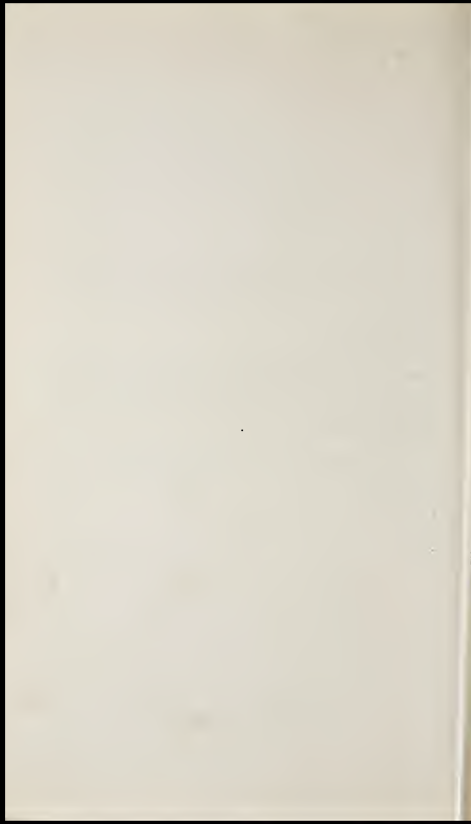
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, January 10, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, { No. 1. }

I...General Orders No. 14, series of 1875, General Orders No. 7, series of 1877, and General Orders No. 2, series of 1878, from these Headquarters, are hereby revoked, and the following will hereafter govern:

ANNUAL ESTIMATES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS.

Attention is invited to the requirements of General Orders No. 76, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, series of 1880.

The reports to be rendered under the said General Orders, will be forwarded from Post Headquarters, so as to reach these Headquarters *not later than April 20th* of each year.

The plans and estimates of proposed construction or repairs will be forwarded *in triplicate*, and be made out separately (on a different blank form) for construction and for repairs, under the general headings:

"Annual Estimate for Construction."

"Annual Estimate for Repairs."

The kind and quantity of materials, (specifying size of doors, sash, glass, nails, screws, locks, hinges, &c., and dimensions and kind of lumber) and the cost of labor required in the proposed construction or repairs will be stated in detail for *each structure*, and there will also be given in a consolidated statement the totals of the several classes of materials, and cost of labor for *each structure*.

If citizen labor is necessary the number and kind of each class, time required, and rate of compensation will be stated. If the work can be done by enlisted men it should be so stated.

When any of the materials can be procured at or in the vicinity of the post or station, the price at which they can be procured will be stated.

ENNIAL ESTIMATES FOR CLOTHING, CAMP AND GARRISON EQUIPAGE.

Commanding Officers of posts and stations will cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department so as to reach his office *not later than* April 1st of each year, an estimate (on form 48, of the Quartermaster's Department) of Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage, required during the year commencing July 1st following.

The estimates will be prepared in conformity with the instructions contained in General Orders No. 29, Headquarters of the Army, series of 1876, and Paragraph 2, General Orders No. 113, Headquarters of the Army, series of 1879.

With the estimate will be forwarded a list of the serviceable Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage which may be on hand in excess of wants of the post or station, giving full information as to sizes, &c.

ESTIMATES FOR QUARTERMASTER'S STORES.

Estimates for miscellaneous Quartermaster's Stores will be made as follows:

For posts of Fort McKinney and Fort Washakie, Wyoming, for a period of one year, commencing July 1st, of each year.

For posts of Fort Niobrara, Fort Robinson, Nebraska; Fort Laramie, Fort Fetterman, Fort Bridger, Wyoming; Fort Hall, Idaho; and Fort Cameron, Utah; for a period of six months, commencing July 1st and January 1st of each year.

For all other posts and stations, (including Depots at Omaha and Cheyenne,) for a period of three months, commencing on the 1st of July, October, January and April of each year.

The annual estimates will be forwarded from Post Headquarters to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department so as to reach his office *not later than* April 20th, of each year; the semi-annual estimates *not later than* May 15th, and September

15th; and the quarterly estimates *not later than the 1st of June, September, December and March*, of each year.

Officers performing duty in the Quartermaster's Department will exercise especial care in the preparation of the estimates to the end that the same be made full and complete for the actual wants at the stations, but without being unreasonable as to quantities or kinds of stores called for.

The estimates will be prepared in duplicate, and in such form as to set forth the number or quantity of the articles considered necessary during the period estimated for; the number or quantity of said articles which will probably be on hand at the commencement of such period, and the number or quantity remaining to be supplied (blank forms to be used in preparation of these estimates are supplied by the Quartermaster's Department.)

The application to be made of each article and the necessity therefor, must be stated.

In case of all articles of variable size, quality, weight, &c., such as nails, iron, window-sash, doors, &c., &c., full description as to size, &c., will be given.

The estimates will be made for the following classes of stores (or such of them as may be needed during the period) arranged in the estimate in the order named, and alphabetically, under each of the headings as on the "Return of Quartermaster's Stores."

1. *Fuel, Forage and Straw*.—The number of Officers, and their rank, men, laundresses, horses and mules, to appear on the estimate.
2. *Stationery*.—Number of Officers, with rank, and command, to appear on the estimate.
3. *Office Furniture*.—Where the allowance is fixed by regulations or orders, the estimate will be made to conform thereto.
4. *Stoves, Pipe and Extra parts of Stoves for repairs*.—For allowance of stoves see General Orders No. 113, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, series of 1876.

The estimate or requisition for stoves must be accompanied

by a statement of the Commanding Officer, that the number of stoves asked for will not, together with those on hand in serviceable or repairable condition, exceed the allowance for the post as authorized by General Orders No. 113, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, series of 1876. Size of stoves, whether for burning wood or coal, and the specific purpose for which required must be stated. When extra parts of stoves are required, the kind of parts, the pattern and distinguishing marks, of the stove to be repaired, will be stated, together with any other description necessary to enable the supplying Officer to furnish precisely what is needed. In asking for stovepipe or elbows, the sizes will be stated.

5. *Means of Transportation.*—To embrace all articles for repair and outfit of transportation at the station. The number of horses, mules, and wagons to appear on the estimate.
6. *Horse Medicines and Veterinary Instruments.*—To conform to the established allowance. See General Orders No. 26, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, series of 1879.
7. *Tools.*—To embrace Blacksmith's, Farrier's, Carpenter's, Wheelwright's, Mason's, Saddler's and Miscellaneous tools; but a *separate heading* to be made for each kind. Tools are not furnished in sets or kits, therefore the tools needed should be stated.
8. *Machinery.*—Sizes to be given, and when parts are required for repairs, the name of maker, date of patent, if any, and such other full description as will enable the supplying Officer to determine exactly what is required.
9. *Miscellaneous Stores for Expenditure.*—To include all articles required for service of the Quartermaster's Department, not included under foregoing headings.

With the estimates will be forwarded a list of all serviceable Quartermaster's stores which may be on hand in excess of wants of the post or station, giving full information as to size, &c.

Quartermaster's should, in order to avoid the making of special requisitions, endeavor to include in their periodical estimates all articles that will be required during the period covered by such estimates; but should the necessities of the service actually require that any supplies, other than those furnished on the annual, semi-annual or quarterly estimates, as the case may be, should be provided before the next periodical estimate is made, and can be acted upon, special requisition may be made therefor, but only upon the written order of the Commanding Officer, reciting the circumstances making such action necessary.

These special requisitions must set forth the number or quantity of the stores asked for, which are on hand, at the date of the requisition.

Commanding Officers will carefully examine all estimates and requisitions, and before approving them see that they are limited to what is essential to efficient service, and in forwarding them will make such recommendations, relating thereto, as deemed best for the public interests.

II...The following Reports and Returns will be forwarded to the office of the Chief Quartermaster of the Department by officers performing duty in the Quartermaster's Department in the Department of the Platte:

WEEKLY.

"Statement of Public Funds," on hand and where deposited—to be made and forwarded at the close of each week.

"Report of Stores received for transportation, forwarded and remaining on hand;" required from officers at Fort Sidney, Nebraska, Fort Fred. Steele, Wyoming, and such other officers or agents, as may be designated by the Chief Quartermaster—to be made and forwarded at the close of each week.

MONTHLY.

"Statement of Public Funds," on hand and where deposited—to be made and forwarded at the close of each month.

"Personal Report," giving number, date and source of order under which duty is performed, and accompanied with mem-

oranda showing to what date (approximately) the fuel and forage on hand will last, also the number of horses, the number of serviceable and complete six-mule teams (with wagons and harness) and the number of other mules, and their condition, and how used &c.—to be made and forwarded at the close of each month.

A copy of the "Report of Persons and Articles hired"—(Form 1,) with a statement of the date and source of the authority for such employment, under the head of remarks—should be forwarded within 10 days after the end of each month.

A copy of the "Roll of enlisted men employed on extra duty in the Quartermaster's Department"—(Form 3)—should be forwarded within 10 days after the end of each month.

"Abstract of Transportation Orders, received, issued, cancelled, &c.," accompanied by the cancelled orders—should be forwarded within 10 days after the end of each month.

A copy of the "Account Current"—(Form 7)—should be forwarded within 10 days after the end of each month.

"Statement of Outstanding Debts"—(Form 24½)—to be forwarded so as to reach the office of the Chief Quartermaster by the last of the month to which it pertains.

"Estimate of Funds"—(Form 24,) accompanied by schedule showing strength of garrison, &c.—to be forwarded 40 days preceding the month for which the funds are required.

"Report of Unfilled Contracts"—to be forwarded at the close of the month to which it pertains.

QUARTERLY.

"Report of Horses, Mules and Oxen, received, transferred, &c.," including company horses, and indicating the companies to which they belong.

"Statement of Payments made on account of Transportation"—(Form 19½,) as required by General Orders No. 10, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, series of 1876.

A copy of the "Quarterly Return of Quartermaster's stores received, issued and remaining on hand"—(Form 27.)

A copy of the "Quarterly Return of Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage"—(Form 45.)

These quarterly reports to be forwarded within twenty days after end of the quarter to which they pertain.

III...Paragraph 2, General Orders No, 11, series of 1875, from these Headquarters, is hereby republished :

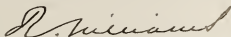
"Company Commanders, in this Department, will send to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department, quarterly, a copy of their returns of Quartermaster's stores, and clothing, camp and garrison equipage, with abstracts if necessary, but without vouchers."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 1, 1881.

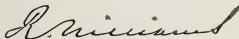
GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 2. }

General Orders No. 11, series of 1879, from these Headquarters, containing instructions in Rifle practice are revoked.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

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Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 18, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }


I...Hereafter, at the following posts in this Department, viz: Fort Douglas, Fort Omaha, Fort D. A. Russell, Fort Sanders, Fort Sidney, and Fort Fred. Steele, there will be made, on the first day of every month, a requisition for such Subsistence Stores for issues and for sales as may be required for the period of three months.

At Fort Bridger, Fort Cameron, Fort Fetterman, Fort Hall, Fort Laramie, Fort McKinney, Fort Niobrara, Fort Robinson, and Fort Washakie, there will be made a requisition for Subsistence Stores for issues and for sales as follows: On March 1st, April 1st, May 1st, June 1st, July 1st, and August 1st, for a period of three months; on September 1st, for nine months; October 1st, for eight months; November 1st, for seven months; December 1st, for six months; January 1st, for five months, and February 1st, for four months.

Every article actually on hand, in fit condition for issue, will be entered on the requisitions as "on hand," whether a supply of it is wanted or not.

There will also be entered on the requisitions as, "en route to post," all articles *to arrive*, for which invoices have been received, or which the A. A. C. S., has been informed have been ordered or requested sent to him, the object being to prevent duplication and improper accumulation of stores.

On the requisition for *stores for sales*, there will be entered the amount consumed in previous period of equal length and corresponding season, the amounts called for being based upon



the probable strength of the garrison for the period covered by the requisition.

Attention is called to Paragraph III, Circular No. 2, Office Commissary General of Subsistence, Washington, D. C., June 19, 1880, (published by authority of the Secretary of War, of June 16, 1880), requiring that in the case of shoe blacking and brushes, butter, cheese, cigars, safety matches, onions, pipes and potatoes, a statement shall appear upon each requisition, that the same cannot be procured at reasonable prices otherwise than through the Subsistence Department. The same Circular gives a list of all stores authorized to be furnished for sales.

It is desirable that the requisitions be made punctually on the 1st of each month, in order that those from the different posts may reach the Chief Commissary of subsistence as early in the month as possible and at nearly the same time.

II...At all posts, a requisition for Commissary Property will be made on the 1st of March for seven months, and on the 1st of September for nine months. These requisitions will be ruled out, and will show the number and quantity of each article required, number and quantity of each article on hand at date of the requisition.

Each article desired must, where necessary, be *definitely described* in size, form, character, and purpose for which it is intended.

III...Requisitions for subsistence blanks will be made for a period of seven months at a time, on the first days of January and July, and addressed to the Commissary General of Subsistence, and promptly forwarded through the Chief Commissary of the Department, so as to allow ample time for the blanks to reach the posts before they are required for use.

IV...Requisitions for Official Postage Stamps, for use in the Subsistence Department, will be made on the Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department, for four months, on the 1st days of January, April, July and October.

V...*Requisitions are NOT REQUIRED IN DUPLICATE.*

VI...The reports of Subsistence Stores on hand at posts on

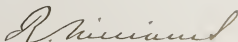
the last day of each month, required by existing orders to be forwarded in duplicate to the Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the Department, should embrace AS ON HAND only such stores fit for issues and sales which are ACTUALLY ON HAND in the Subsistence Storehouse on that day.

VII...All orders from these Headquarters, in force in the Department of the Platte, inconsistent with the above, are hereby revoked.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Williams".

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 26, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 4. }

Commanding Officers of Cavalry companies, who desire to have the wind-guage of the buck-horn sight for carbines, adjusted so as to prevent all lateral motion by sliding, are authorized to remove the leaves from the rear-sights of their carbines and send them by mail to the Cheyenne Ordnance Depot, where they will be immediately adjusted and returned to them.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 28, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

In compliance with instructions from the Headquarters of the Army, dated the 14th inst., the following described Military Reservation, declared by Executive Order of February 9, 1881, is announced for the information of all concerned:

A Wood and Timber Reservation for use of the Post of Fort Laramie, Wyoming Territory.

Embracing Township 25 north, Range 71 entire, excepting the two School Sections 16 and 36; Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Township 24 north. and Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32, in Township 25 north, both in Range 70; and Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Township 24 north, Range 71 (ranges all west of the 6th Principal Meridian, in Wyoming), comprising 62 sections embracing 62 square miles, more or less.

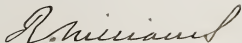
The reservation includes approximately the timber land, excepting its sparsely timbered eastern verge, in that part of the Laramie Hills bounded on the north by the North Laramie River and on the south by the canon through which passes the "Collins cut-off" road. Its north east-corner is 36 miles, about two degrees south of west, from the post.

Posts 5 inches square and 5 feet high, branded U. S. W. & T. R., will be placed to mark the boundaries at suitable points.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, March 11, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

The bi-monthly inspection report to be made by Post Commanders, under Paragraph 3, General Orders No. 5, as amended by Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 13, series of 1872, from these Headquarters, will in future be discontinued.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, April 4, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7. }

The following correspondence is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“WAR DEPARTMENT

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, March 18, 1881.

The Commanding General,

Department of the Columbia,

Thro' Headquarters

Military Division of the Pacific.

SIR:

Referring to your endorsement of the 4th ultimo, forwarding request for permission to use “High Test Coal Oil” for illuminating purposes in the new School and Library Building at Boise Barracks, Idaho, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of War has approved the recommendation of the Quartermaster General “that where those who pay for it prefer to use mineral oil rather than the candles &c., now supplied by the Subsistence Department they be allowed to do so.”

After the 1st July, 1881, the Quartermaster's Department, under provisions of the Army Appropriation Act for the next fiscal year, will assume the duty of supplying military posts with lamps and oil—the oil to be of a flash point not below 135° Fahrenheit, and no oil of lower flash point should be used at military posts.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

(sd.)

CHAUNCEY McKEEVER,

Asst. Adjutant General.”

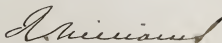
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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Assistant Adjutant General.



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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, April 20, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 8. }

The post of Camp Sheridan, Nebraska, will, under the instructions of the Lieutenant General Commanding the Division, be discontinued May 1, 1881.

Company M, 5th Cavalry, and Company E, 9th Infantry, now stationed thereat, will take post at Fort Robinson, Nebraska.

Major William T. Gentry, 9th Infantry, will proceed to Fort Fetterman, W. T., and there take post.

Captain Henry M. Cronkhite, Assistant Surgeon, will proceed to Fort McKinney, W. T., and report for duty at that post.

Hospital Steward Thomas N. Gunn, will report in person, to the Commanding Officer Fort Hall, Idaho, for duty.

The Quartermaster's and Subsistence Stores and the Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, not in hands of the troops, at Camp Sheridan, will be sent to Fort Robinson, Neb., or distributed to neighboring posts at which they are most required.

The Medical and Hospital property at Camp Sheridan will be sent to Fort Robinson, Nebraska, with the following exceptions: the Hospital Library including the Medical Journal at the post, will be sent to the Medical Director of the Department—the Hospital records to the Surgeon General U. S. A., Washington, D. C. The remaining records will be carefully arranged for further reference, boxed up and forwarded to these Headquarters, as follows: Those pertaining to the Quartermaster's Department to the Chief Quartermaster; those pertaining to the Subsistence Department to the Chief Commissary of Subsistence; all others to the Assistant Adjutant General.

Under the instructions of the Secretary of War, the bodies interred at Camp Sheridan Cemetery, will be removed to, and reinterred in the Cemetery near Fort Robinson, Nebraska.

All buildings or building material which can with economy be removed to the posts of Forts Robinson or Niobrara, will be transported to those posts and used in construction

and repairs—the remainder will be sold by the Quartermaster's Department.

A detachment of one officer and ten enlisted men from the present garrison, will remain at Camp Sheridan, after May 1st, 1881, until all public property thereat, is removed. On completion of this duty the detachment will join its company.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

ROBERT WILLIAMS

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, April 23, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 9. }

The post of Fort Hartsuff, Neb., will, under the instructions of the General of the Army and those of the Lieutenant General Commanding the Division, be discontinued, May 1, 1881.

Company C, 9th Infantry, now stationed thereat, will take post at Fort Omaha, Neb.

Acting Assistant Surgeon *George W. Towar*, U. S. A., will report in person, to the Commanding Officer, Fort Niobrara, Neb., for duty.

Commissary Sergeant *William Bolton*, U. S. A., will, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, report in person, to the Depot Commissary of Subsistence, Cheyenne, W. T., for temporary duty.

The Quartermaster's and Subsistence Stores, and Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, not in hands of troops will be sent to Fort Niobrara, Neb., or distributed to neighboring posts at which they are most required.

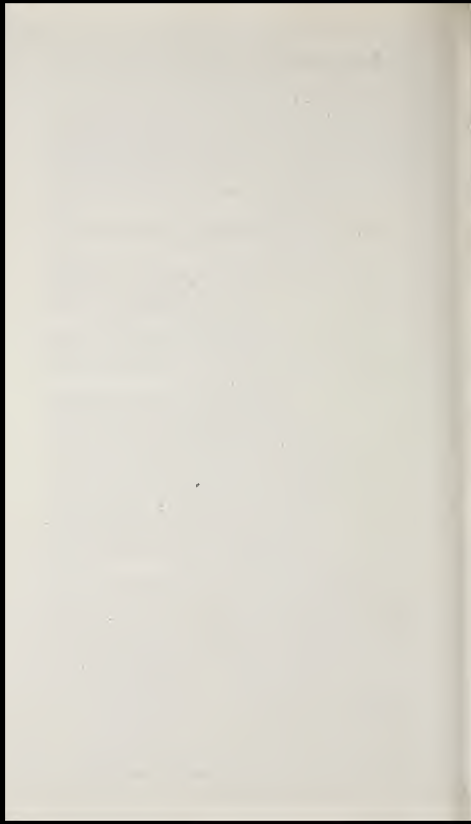
The Medical and Hospital property at Fort Hartsuff will be sent to Fort Niobrara, Neb., with the following exceptions: the Hospital Library, including the Medical Journal at the post, will be sent to the Medical Director of the Department—the Hospital records to the Surgeon General, U. S. A., Washington, D. C. The remaining records will be carefully arranged for further reference, boxed up and forwarded to these Headquarters, as follows: Those pertaining to the Quartermaster's Department to the Chief Quartermaster; those pertaining to the Subsistence Department to the Chief Commissary of Subsistence; all others to the Assistant Adjutant General.

A detachment of one officer and ten enlisted men from the present garrison, will remain at Fort Hartsuff, after May 1st, 1881, until all public property thereat, is removed. On completion of this duty the detachment will join its company, and the post be left in charge of a Quartermaster's Agent.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,
ROBERT WILLIAMS
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, June 4, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 10. }

I...The following are the best scores made at the Department Rifle Range during the months of April and May, 1881. Maximum possible—35.

NAMES.	DISTANCES.				
	200 yds	300 yds	400 yds	500 yds	600 yds
Sergt. Reinhard Miller, Company L, 3d Cav.	28	29	32	33	27
Private John F. Davis, Company L, 3d Cav.	29	27	26	26	25
Private Otto Broderson, Company F, 3d Cav.	29	23	26	25	22
Private Joseph A. Garno, Company I, 3d Cav.	28	—	29	31	22
Sergt. Robert Gates, Company A, 5th Cav	28	28	24	29	22
Sergt. John Gibbins, Company G, 5th Cav	27	14	32	25	24
Private George Stafford, Company H, 5th Cav.	28	—	22	28	21
Private Jacob W. Bogard, Company G, 4th Inft.	26	22	26	18	21
Sergt. William T. Shipp, Company K, 9th Inft	29	29	29	25	25
Sergt. James A. Marshall, Company D, 9th Inft.	28	15	25	26	22
Private John Brandel, Company F, 9th Inft.	29	30	26	30	19
Private Gilbert J. Worley, Company C, 9th Inft.	22	23	21	28	22
Corp'l. George Hellman, Company H, 14th Inft	27	17	28	32	26
Private John W. Enbody, Company A, 14th Inft	27	26	29	27	20

II...The following named men having duly qualified as *Marksmen* at the Department Rifle Range this spring, will be rated accordingly, in their respective companies:

1. Sergeant *Reinhard Miller*, Company L, 3d Cavalry.
2. Private *John F. Davis*, Company L, 3d Cavalry.
3. Private *Otto Broderson*, Company F, 3d Cavalry.
4. Private *Joseph A. Garno*, Company I, 3d Cavalry.
5. Sergeant *Robert Gates*, Company A, 5th Cavalry.
6. Private *George Stafford*, Company H, 5th Cavalry.
7. Sergeant *William T. Shipp*, Company K, 9th Infantry.
8. Sergeant *James A. Marshall*, Company D, 9th Infantry.
9. Private *John Brandel*, Company F, 9th Infantry.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, June 16, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 11. }

In compliance with instructions from the Lieutenant General, Commanding the Division, officers accountable for serviceable dress caps and trimmings, rendered obsolete by the adoption of the new helmets, will transfer them, after July First, next, to the Depot at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

ROBERT WILLIAMS
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, June 29, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 13. }

The following letter is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“WAR DEPARTMENT

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, June 20, 1881.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte,

Thro. Headq'rs. Mil. Div. of the Missouri.

SIR:

I am instructed by the Secretary of War to call your attention to the subjoined opinion of the Judge Advocate General on the subject of issue of tobacco to deserters prior to the promulgation of sentence or acquittal, in which opinion the Secretary concurs:

“Section 1149, Revised Statutes, does not exclude *deserters* from the benefit of its provisions, but authorizes the furnishing of tobacco ‘to the enlisted men’ of the Army in general without exception. But, in view of the forfeiture of back-pay to which a deserter is necessarily subjected by operation of law, and the further forfeiture of pay accruing subsequently to apprehension to which he may be subjected by sentence, it must, in general, be quite hazardous to sell tobacco on credit to deserters awaiting trial; and an officer who made such sale might be in danger of rendering himself personally liable for the amount involved.”

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, July 2, 1881.

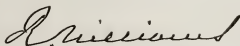
GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 14. }

As the aiming drill required by "Laidley's Rifle Firing" causes an unusual breakage of firing pins in rifles and carbines, Company Commanders will at least once in each month, and always before taking the field, inspect the rifles or carbines in the hands of their men to ascertain the condition of the firing pins. They will see that such firing pins as may be found unserviceable are promptly replaced.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK.

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

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Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, July 7, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 15. }

The following communication is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“WAR DEPARTMENT

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, June 28, 1881.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL,
Department of the Platte,

SIR:

I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary of War has decided that sales to Post Bakeries of subsistence supplies required for the exclusive use of companies, detachments, and hospitals may be made by the Subsistence Department at cost price, not including cost of transportation, and to request you to cause the post commanders serving in your department to be advised accordingly.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

ROBERT WILLIAMS.
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 9, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 16. }

I...The following are the best scores made at the Department Rifle Range during July, 1881. Maximum possible—25.

NAMES.	DISTANCES.				
	200 yds	300 yds	400 yds	500 yds	600 yds
Corp'l. Frank G. French, Company A, 3d Cav	21	20	—	16	19
Corp'l. George Niles, Company K, 3d Cav	15	14	—	14	—
Corp'l. Thomas Coyne, Company B, 5th Cav	17	17	—	15	—
Private Leander F. Demorest, Company C, 5th Cav.	20	—	—	—	15
Sergt. Thomas O'Brien, Company K, 5th Cav.	20	14	—	15	18
Private Henry Millbauer, Company C, 4th Inf	21	20	20	17	21
Private Charles L. Grubb, Company E, 4th Inf	21	16	—	13	21
Private John Gastel, Company F, 4th Inf.	19	18	—	—	—
Private Joseph M. Wirth, Company F, 4th Inf.	19	16	15	—	—
Sergt. Joel C. Deats, Company G, 4th Inf.	21	22	13	15	20
Private Frank Miller, Company I, 4th Inf.	16	17	16	23	14
Sergt. Thomas Conlon, Company K, 4th Inf.	20	20	21	15	22
Corp'l. Jeremiah Mack, Company A, 9th Inf	21	21	—	16	22
Private James Maunung, Company C, 9th Inf	20	17	23	14	20
Sergt. John F. Shuey, Company A, 14th Inf.	21	20	15	15	18
Private Edwin House, Company C, 14th Inf.	20	21	15	—	19
Sergt John D. Murray, Company I, 14th Inf	21	21	15	16	23
Private Henry Weagraff, Company K, 14th Inf	20	20	19	20	19

II...The following named men having duly qualified as *Marksmen* at the Department Rifle Range, will be rated accordingly in their respective companies:

1. Corporal *Jeremiah Mack*, Company A, 9th Infantry.
2. Private *Henry Millbauer*, Company C, 4th Infantry.
3. Private *Edwin House*, Company C, 14th Infantry.
4. Sergeant *Thomas Conlon*, Company K, 4th Infantry.
5. Sergeant *Joel C. Deats*, Company G, 4th Infantry.
6. Private *Henry Weagraff*, Company K, 14th Infantry.
7. Sergeant *John Shuey*, Company A, 14th Infantry.
8. Sergeant *John D. Murray*, Company I, 14th Infantry.
9. Corporal *Frank G. French*, Company A, 3d Cavalry.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

LEONARD HAY,

Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 17, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 17. }

The following are the best scores, made at Target Practice in this Department, for the month of June, with service arms, as reported by Company and Post Commanders.

NAMES.	RANK.	CO.	REG'T.	RANGE YDS.	SCORES	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Harvey Fulton.....	Sergeant.	A	3d Cav.	200	3, 4, 4, 3, 5	19	76
George W. Hicks.....	Sergeant.	A	3d Cav.	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
John F. Malone.....	Private.	B	3d Cav.	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 5	23	92
Donald Carswell.....	Private.	B	3d Cav.	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Thomas Furguson.....	Private.	D	3d Cav.	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
George A. Noble.....	Corporal.	D	3d Cav.	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Edward McKiernan.....	1st Sergt.	E	3d Cav.	200	5 shots.	18	72
Sammuel L. Dance.....	Private.	E	3d Cav.	150	5 shots.	19	76
James F. Murphy.....	Private.	F	3d Cav.	100	5, 5, 4, 4, 4	22	88
Patrick Lynch.....	Private.	F	3d Cav.	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Louis Young.....	Corporal.	H	3d Cav.	400	5, 5, 4, 4, 3	21	84
John Hickey.....	Private.	H	3d Cav.	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
Henry Noble.....	Corporal.	I	3d Cav.	100	5 shots.	20	80
David E. Pateman.....	Private.	I	3d Cav.	100	5 shots.	21	84
William A. Bill.....	Sergeant.	K	3d Cav.	400	3, 4, 4, 5, 4	20	80
Ashton Van Bramer.....	Private.	K	3d Cav.	100	5, 4, 5, 5, 5	24	96
John J. Donnelly.....	Sergeant.	A	5th Cav.	300	5, 4, 5, 3, 4	21	84
Mesnary Whiting.....	Farrier.	A	5th Cav.	300	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Henry P. Butler.....	1st Sergt.	B	5th Cav.	150	4, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	76
Charles K. Hutton.....	Private.	B	5th Cav.	150	3, 5, 3, 4, 3	18	72
Francis Fox.....	Corporal.	C	5th Cav.	300	3, 5, 3, 5, 2	18	72
Weiman Herman.....	Private.	C	5th Cav.	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
John Hamilton.....	1st Sergt.	D	5th Cav.	150	4, 3, 4, 5, 5	21	84
Enos F. Yeaman.....	Private.	D	5th Cav.	150	3, 4, 3, 4, 4	18	72
Charles O'Donnell.....	Private.	E	5th Cav.	200	4, 4, 4, 3, 4	19	76
Levi Penner.....	Private.	E	5th Cav.	200	5, 3, 4, 3, 3	18	72
William H. Rockwell.....	Corporal.	F	5th Cav.	150	4, 4, 5, 4, 3	20	80
Clarence E. Carpenter.....	Wagoner.	F	5th Cav.	150	4, 4, 3, 4, 3	18	72
Charles Steele.....	Corporal.	G	5th Cav.	300	3, 4, 5, 4, 4	20	80
John Gibbins.....	Sergeant.	G	5th Cav.	300	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
John Sullivan.....	Private.	H	5th Cav.	200	5 shots.	20	80
Neil C. Jansen.....	Private.	I	5th Cav.	300	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Henry H. Reiter.....	Private.	I	5th Cav.	300	3, 5, 3, 4, 4	19	76
Albert Spitzmas.....	Corporal.	K	5th Cav.	300	5, 4, 4, 5, 4	22	88
William Werner.....	Saddler.	K	5th Cav.	300	3, 3, 4, 5, 5	20	80
W. T. Hendrickson.....	Private.	L	5th Cav.	400	5, 4, 3, 2, 5	19	76
Joseph Gordon.....	Private.	L	5th Cav.	200	5, 3, 3, 4, 3	18	72
D. Brown.....	1st Sergt.	M	5th Cav.	400	5 shots.	22	88
A. A. Grimm.....	Sergeant.	M	5th Cav.	400	5 shots.	18	72
Joseph C. Mitchell.....	Sergeant.	A	4th Inf.	300	5, 4, 3, 2, 2	16	64
W. H. Vanderhoof.....	Private.	A	4th Inf.	300	4, 3, 2, 2, 2	13	52
George Seymour.....	Private.	B	4th Inf.	100	5, 5, 4, 4, 4	22	88
James Powers.....	Sergeant.	B	4th Inf.	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Baley Rice.....	Private.	C	4th Inf.	100	5 shots.	22	88
Walter N. Lemmis.....	Private.	C	4th Inf.	200	5 shots.	19	76
J. A. Thilman.....	1st Sergt.	D	4th Inf.	300	4, 3, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Bernard Degnan.....	Sergeant.	D	4th Inf.	300	5, 3, 4, 4, 5	21	84
John Donovan.....	Private.	E	4th Inf.	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Patrick Moriarty.....	Private.	E	4th Inf.	100	3, 4, 4, 5, 5	21	84
Ludwig Roper.....	Sergeant.	F	4th Inf.	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
John W. Sewell.....	Private.	F	4th Inf.	200	3, 5, 4, 5, 2	19	76
Francis A. Hall.....	Private.	G	4th Inf.	400	5, 3, 0, 5, 2	15	60
William T. Bell.....	Private.	G	4th Inf.	400	2, 5, 3, 4, 4	18	72
Charles Thornton.....	Private.	H	4th Inf.	100	5, 4, 5, 5, 4	23	92
Patrick Callery.....	Private.	H	4th Inf.	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Cornelius Quill.....	Corporal.	K	4th Inf.	200	5, 5, 4, 5, 4	23	92
William Courtney.....	Private.	K	4th Inf.	300	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88

NAMES.	RANK.	CO.	REG'T.	RANGE, YDS.	SCORES	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Horace E. Myrick.....	Sergeant.	A	9th Inf.	500	5, 3, 3, 5, 4	20	80
Francis B. Tolson.....	Private.	A	9th Inf.	500	2, 5, 4, 4, 5	20	80
John H. D. Smith.....	1st Sergt.	B	9th Inf.	150	3, 4, 4, 3, 4	18	72
Charles P. Gintear.....	Sergeant.	B	9th Inf.	150	4, 2, 2, 4, 2	14	56
Viggo Pederson.....	Corporal.	C	9th Inf.	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Thomas Hughe.....	Private.	C	9th Inf.	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
John Dosson.....	Private.	D	9th Inf.	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
John White.....	1st Sergt.	D	9th Inf.	200	5, 3, 4, 4, 5	21	84
John Brandel.....	Corporal.	F	9th Inf.	300	4, 5, 4, 4, 3	20	80
William Heath.....	Sergeant.	F	9th Inf.	200	4, 4, 4, 3, 4	19	76
Geo. H. Staey.....	Private.	G	9th Inf.	200	5 shots.	20	80
A. Feetham.....	Private.	G	9th Inf.	100	5 shots.	20	80
James H. Merton.....	Sergeant.	H	9th Inf.	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
William H. Bullock.....	Corporal.	H	9th Inf.	300	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Albert Helling.....	Private.	I	9th Inf.	200	5, 4, 4, 5, 4	22	88
Peter Coffenberg.....	1st Sergt.	I	9th Inf.	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
William T. Shipp.....	Sergeant.	K	9th Inf.	200	3, 4, 5, 5, 5	22	88
John Gebhardt.....	Private.	K	9th Inf.	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 3	20	80
*		A	14th Inf.				
*		A	14th Inf.				
W. H. Hudson.....	1st Sergt.	B	14th Inf.	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
A. G. Hegler.....	Corporal.	B	14th Inf.	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
D. W. Burke.....	Captain.	C	14th Inf.	100	5, 4, 5, 5, 4	23	92
E. Delany.....	Corporal.	C	14th Inf.	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
George Haselden.....	1st Sergt.	D	14th Inf.	500	4, 5, 5, 3, 4	21	84
Wiley Manical.....	Private.	D	14th Inf.	200	4, 4, 3, 3, 5	19	76
Frank P. Mattson.....	Sergeant.	E	14th Inf.	400	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Samuel Lott.....	Private.	E	14th Inf.	400	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
David Egestone.....	Corporal.	F	14th Inf.	500	4, 3, 4, 5, 4	20	80
Barnum Doan.....	Private.	F	14th Inf.	500	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
W. A. Hubbard.....	Sergeant.	G	14th Inf.	200	3, 3, 4, 3, 4	17	68
S. H. Cook.....	Private.	G	14th Inf.	200	4, 3, 3, 4, 3	17	68
B. C. Irwin.....	1st Sergt.	H	14th Inf.	500	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	88
J. B. Mack.....	Sergeant.	H	14th Inf.	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 3	20	80
Jerome W. Lockenour.....	Private.	I	14th Inf.	200	4, 5, 3, 4, 4	20	80
Frederick Schwell.....	Private.	I	14th Inf.	300	5, 4, 4, 4, 3	20	80
Frederick Mayer.....	Sergeant.	K	14th Inf.	500	4, 4, 3, 4, 4	19	76
Charles Davis.....	Private.	K	14th Inf.	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	76

*Practice conducted in violation of Paragraph 467, Rev. Laidley.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 19, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 18. }

In parting with Captain *W. S. Stanton*, Corps of Engineers, (relieved from duty in this Department by Special Orders No. 80, current series, from these Headquarters), the Department Commander desires to express his public recognition of the zeal, fidelity and rare ability displayed by this officer in the discharge of his delicate and multifarious duties as Chief Engineer on the Department Staff, during a period of seven years. Although frequently embarrassed by scant resources, and inadequate funds, he has, by economical management and assiduous application, accomplished results in the field-work of lasting importance and marvellous accuracy. He carries with him to his new sphere of labor the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

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Capt. 9th Infantry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 23, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 19. }

Subject to the approval of the Honorable Secretary of War, the new military post, about to be established near the junction of White and Green rivers, Utah, will be officially known as Fort Thornburgh, in memory of the late Major *Thomas T. Thornburgh*, 4th Infantry, who fell in action with the Ute Indians at Milk river, Colorado, September 29, 1879.

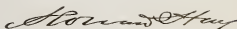
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Capt. 9th Infantry,

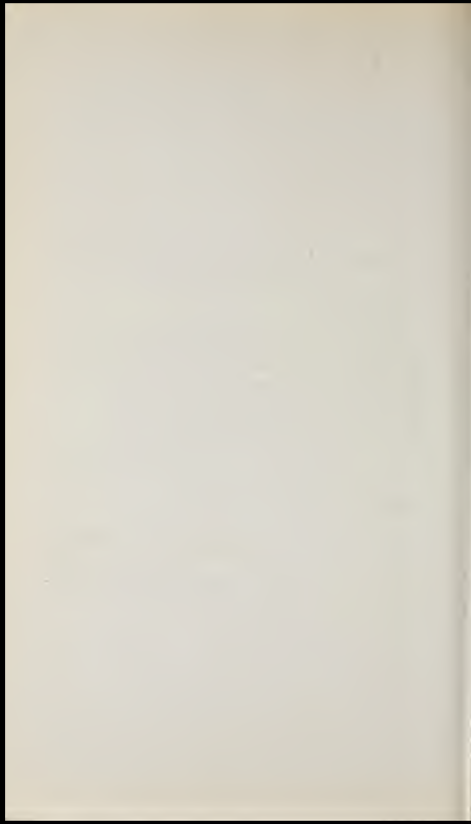
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Capt. 9th Infantry.

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 27, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 20. }

The following tables of best scores, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of July, with service arms, as reported by Company and Post Commanders, are published for general information.

Third Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	CO.	RANGE, YDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Charles A. Merchant.....	Private.	A	200	3, 3, 4, 4, 5	19	76
James Conway.....	Private.	A	100	4, 4, 4, 3, 5	20	80
Joseph Knicely.....	Private.	B	200	4, 4, 4, 3, 5	20	80
William Evans.....	Private.	B	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
.....	.....	C	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	C	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charles Taylor.....	1st Sergt.	D	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Charles Murphy.....	Sergeant.	D	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
.....	.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	F	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	F	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	G	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	G	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louis Young.....	Corporal.	H	400	5, 4, 4, 4, 3	20	80
John D. Behrens.....	Private.	H	100	5, 5, 4, 4, 4	22	88
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Frederick C. Kuenzli.....	1st Sergt.	K	500	4, 4, 5, 3, 3	19	76
Theodore Thysing.....	Private.	K	500	3, 5, 4, 5, 2	19	76
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Fifth Cavalry Practice.

Rudolph Hauser.....	Sergeant.	A	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	76
Charles B. Hennesy.....	Private.	A	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
William Fry.....	Private.	B	200	5, 5, 3, 4, 4	21	84
James Sloan.....	Private.	B	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
William H. Eckart.....	Trumpeter	C	300	4, 3, 4, 5, 5	21	84
Michael G. Desmond.....	Private.	C	300	2, 4, 4, 4, 3	17	68
Galen Wiseman.....	Private.	D	200	4, 3, 5, 4, 3	19	76
Wilhelm Philpson.....	Private.	D	200	5, 2, 4, 5, 3	19	76
Levi McCarty.....	Farrier.	E	200	3, 4, 4, 3, 5	19	76
James Penner.....	Sergeant.	E	200	2, 4, 4, 2, 5	17	68
William Rockwell.....	Corporal.	F	150	2, 5, 5, 5, 4	21	84
Samuel P. Eakle.....	Farrier.	F	150	3, 4, 5, 4, 3	19	76
John Gibbins.....	Sergeant.	G	400	3, 5, 4, 3, 5	20	80
Charles Steele.....	Corporal.	G	400	5, 5, 4, 5, 5	24	96
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Fifth Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	CO.	RANGE, YDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
James Earnest.....	Sergeant.	K	200	3, 2, 3, 5, 4	17	68
Richard Bennett.....	Private.	K	500	4, 3, 1, 3, 4	18	72
John Mahoney.....	Corporal.	L	300	2, 4, 2, 4, 4	16	64
William Hyde.....	Private.	L	300	3, 5, 4, 4, 3	19	76
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Fourth Infantry Practice.

William D. Cheathan.....	Private.	A	300	2, 3, 4, 5, 4	18	72
Frederick Jenewein.....	Private.	A	300	2, 3, 4, 5, 4	18	72
James Powers.....	Sergeant.	B	100	3, 4, 5, 4, 4	20	80
Charles Stevens.....	Private.	B	200	1, 5, 3, 4, 3	19	76
§.....		C				
§.....		C				
J. A. Thilman.....	1st Sergt.	D	200	3, 3, 3, 3, 3	15	60
John Lynch.....	Private.	D	200	4, 3, 4, 2, 4	17	68
Daniel O'Brien.....	Sergeant.	E	100	5, 5, 4, 4, 5	23	92
John Donovan.....	Sergeant.	E	200	4, 3, 5, 4, 4	20	80
James Conklin.....	Sergeant.	F	200	4, 3, 4, 4, 5	20	80
William E. Helvie.....	Private.	F	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Jacob W. Bogard.....	Private.	G	400	4, 5, 5, 5, 3	22	88
John McDonald.....	Private.	G	400	4, 4, 5, 5, 3	21	84
Patrick Coltery.....	Private.	H	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
John Welsh.....	Private.	H	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
§.....		I				
§.....		I				
George E. Coak.....	Sergeant.	K	200	4, 4, 3, 2, 3	16	64
Peter Galvin.....	Corporal.	K	400	4, 5, 0, 4, 2	15	60

Ninth Infantry Practice.

§.....		A				
§.....		A				
John H. D. Smith.....	1st Sergt.	B	200	5, 3, 0, 4, 4	16	64
Henry Pleemer.....	Private.	B	200	0, 3, 4, 5, 4	16	64
E. N. Dailey.....	Corporal.	C	200	3, 3, 4, 4, 4	18	72
Z. Thompson.....	Private.	C	200	3, 2, 4, 4, 5	18	72
J. A. Marshall.....	Sergeant.	D	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
R. Dowson.....	Artificer.	D	200	5, 4, 3, 4, 4	20	80
†.....		E				
†.....		E				
William Heath.....	Sergeant.	F	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	76
John Brandel.....	Corporal.	F	300	2, 4, 5, 1, 5	20	80
§.....		G				
§.....		G				
James H. Merton.....	Sergeant.	H	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
John Walsh.....	Private.	H	300	3, 5, 3, 4, 5	20	80
Eugene Moriarty.....	Bugler.	I	100	4, 4, 5, 4, 3	20	80
Merritt B. Pratt.....	Private.	I	300	3, 3, 5, 4, 4	19	76
W. T. Shipp.....	Sergeant.	K	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
H. W. Gordon.....	Private.	K	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 5	22	88

Fourteenth Infantry Practice,

NAMES.	RANK.	CO.	RANGE, YDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Albert Belgrove.....	Private.	A	100	5, 4, 4, 5, 4	22	88
John W. Enbody.....	Private.	A	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
John Murphy.....	1st Lieut.	B	200	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
J. W. Lewis.....	Private.	B	100	5, 4, 4, 5, 5	23	92
G. S. Haunaks.....	Corporal.	C	100	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
E. Delaney.....	Corporal.	C	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
George Haseldan.....	1st Sergt.	D	500	5, 5, 3, 4, 5	22	88
Bird Fargison.....	Private.	D	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
F. P. Mattison.....	Sergeant.	E	300	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
F. P. Hinson.....	Sergeant.	E	200	4, 3, 5, 5, 5	22	88
S. Caldwell.....	Corporal.	F	200	4, 4, 3, 4, 2	17	68
W. M. Chambers.....	Corporal.	F	200	3, 3, 5, 4, 3	18	72
W. A. Hubbard.....	Sergeant.	G	200	3, 5, 5, 3, 5	21	84
P. Hassan.....	1st Lieut.	G	200	3, 5, 3, 4, 4	19	76
B. C. Irvin.....	1st Sergt.	H	200	4, 3, 5, 5, 2	19	76
J. B. Mack.....	Sergeant.	H	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
F. Schwell.....	Private.	I	300	5, 3, 3, 4, 3	18	72
Jerome W. Lockenor.....	Private.	I	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
F. Mayer.....	Sergeant.	K	200	4, 4, 4, 3, 2	17	68
E. L. McAdams.....	Private.	K	200	2, 4, 4, 4, 4	18	72

§ Score incomplete.

† No practice.

‡ In the field.

|| Changing station.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

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*Capt. 9th Infantry,**Acting Assistant Adjutant General.*

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*Capt. 9th Infantry,**Acting Assistant Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, September 14, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, { No. 21. }

The following best scores, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of August, with service arms, as reported by Company and Post Commanders, are published for general information.

Third Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	CO.	RANGE, YDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Daniel Duane	Private.	B	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
John W. Hunter.	Sergeant.	D	100	5, 4, 5, 3, 4	21	84
Thomas M. O'Farrell.	Farrier.	H	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 3	20	80
Charles Taylor.	1st Sergt.	D	200	4, 3, 4, 4, 5	20	80
Edward Platte	Private.	M	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 2	19	76
James Conway.	Private.	A	200	4, 3, 4, 4, 4	19	76
John M. Ford.	Private.	F	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 2	18	72
Joseph Weller.	Private.	M	200	3, 3, 3, 5, 2	16	64
Patrick Flood.	1st Sergt.	A	300	4, 5, 4, 3, 4	20	80
Joseph Knicely.	Private.	B	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
David E. Pateman.	Private.	I	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
William D. Beach.	2d Lieut.	F	300	4, 4, 3, 4, 4	19	76
Patrick Lynch.	Private.	F	300	4, 3, 4, 5, 2	18	72
John Sullivan.	Private.	I	300	4, 4, 2, 3, 4	17	68
John Robinson.	Sergeant.	H	400	5, 4, 4, 4, 3	20	80
John Mahoney.	Private.	E	400	4, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	76
John Smith.	Saddler.	K	600	5, 4, 3, 5, 4	21	84
Frederick C. Knenzli.	1st Sergt.	K	600	2, 4, 5, 3, 2	19	76

Companies C, G and L, on detached service in the field.

Fifth Cavalry Practice.

Hampton M. Roach.	1st Sergt.	F	150	5, 4, 4, 4, 3	20	80
Gottlieb Steiger.	Trumpeter	F	150	3, 5, 5, 3, 3	19	76
Charles Harding.	Corporal.	M	200	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
James Kennedy.	Private.	E	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
James Sloan.	Private.	B	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Charles Constatine.	Sergeant.	D	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
William Maurer.	Saddler.	H	200	5, 3, 4, 4, 4	20	80
James Taylor.	Private.	H	200	4, 3, 4, 4, 5	20	80
French Sharp.	Private.	D	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Alexander Rihmer.	Private.	E	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 3	18	72
Arthur Bingham.	Private.	M	300	5, 5, 5, 4, 5	24	96
George Struener.	Private.	C	300	4, 4, 5, 4, 5	22	88
Heinrich Schonberg.	1st Sergt.	C	300	4, 3, 5, 4, 5	21	80
Henri Winters.	Private.	B	300	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Jacob Sigrist.	Private.	I	300	3, 3, 3, 4, 3	16	64
William Hyde.	Private.	L	300	2, 3, 3, 3, 4	15	60
Charles F. Davis.	Corporal.	G	400	5, 4, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Fourose Shipley.	Sergeant.	G	400	5, 3, 4, 5, 5	22	88
Richard Bennett.	Private.	K	500	4, 4, 3, 5, 4	20	80
Albert Spitzmas.	Corporal.	K	500	3, 4, 3, 5, 4	19	76
Charles B. Hennessy.	Private.	A	500	2, 5, 4, 5, 2	18	72
James Sullivan.	Private.	A	500	5, 3, 5, 0, 5	18	72

Company I, on detached service in the field.

Fourth Infantry Practice.

Lewis C. Lindsley.....	Private.	E	100	3, 4, 5, 4, 4	20	80
George E. Coak.....	Sergeant.	K	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Joseph Keeffe.....	1st Lieut.	G	200	4, 4, 3, 4, 5	20	80
John McDonald.....	Private.	G	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 3	20	80
Baley Rice.....	Private.	C	300	3, 3, 4, 5, 4	19	76
Andrew Burke.....	Private.	I	300	5, 4, 3, 4, 3	19	76
John Harty.....	Private.	I	300	5, 3, 2, 3, 4	17	68
Einar Pagh.....	Corporal.	C	400	5, 4, 5, 4, 5	23	92
John McGrath.....	Private.	A	400	4, 5, 5, 3, 5	22	88
Joseph M. Wirth.....	Private.	F	400	4, 3, 5, 5, 5	22	88
Leroy P. Lowe.....	Corporal.	B	400	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
William H. Creech.....	Private.	K	400	3, 5, 5, 4, 4	21	84
William Vanderhoof.....	Private.	A	400	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Isaac H. Clay.....	Private.	B	400	5, 5, 3, 3, 4	20	80
Patrick Calleney.....	Corporal.	H	400	0, 4, 5, 5, 5	19	76
John C. Bolin.....	Corporal.	E	400	4, 2, 4, 3, 4	17	68
Ludwig Roper.....	Sergeant.	F	400	0, 4, 4, 4, 4	16	64
James S. Foote.....	Private.	H	400	3, 3, 2, 4, 3	15	60
Bernard Degnan.....	Sergeant.	D	500	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Patrick Quinlan.....	Artificer.	D	500	5, 3, 5, 3, 5	21	84

Ninth Infantry Practice.

John A. Londer.....	1st Sergt.	E	100	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
Albert E. Moor.....	Private.	E	100	5, 5, 5, 5, 3	23	92
Richard Larisch.....	Private.	I	100	2, 4, 4, 4, 4	18	72
Edwin A. Hogan.....	Private.	I	100	4, 2, 5, 3, 3	17	68
W. T. Shipp.....	Sergeant.	K	200	5, 5, 4, 4, 4	22	88
A. Jolie.....	Sergeant.	K	200	3, 5, 4, 5, 4	21	84
L. Thompson.....	Private.	C	200	5, 5, 4, 4, 3	21	84
R. Dowson.....	Artificer.	D	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
Lutien D. Blackwood.....	Private.	D	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Frank E. Proctor.....	Private.	B	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 3	20	80
Horace E. Myrick.....	Sergeant.	A	200	5, 4, 3, 4, 4	20	80
James H. Triplett.....	Private.	A	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	76
James Gaskill.....	Private.	G	200	3, 5, 4, 3, 3	18	72
E. N. Daily.....	Corporal.	C	300	5, 5, 3, 4, 4	21	84
Frank J. McCarthy.....	Corporal.	G	300	4, 3, 5, 4, 4	20	80
J. H. D. Smith.....	1st Sergt.	B	300	2, 3, 3, 3, 5	16	64
John Brandell.....	Corporal.	F	400	5, 5, 5, 5, 4	24	96
William Heath.....	Sergeant.	F	400	4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
James H. Merton.....	Sergeant.	H	400	5, 4, 3, 5, 3	20	80
William H. Bullock.....	Corporal.	H	400	4, 5, 5, 2, 4	20	80

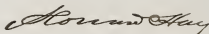
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

LEONARD HAY,

Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, September 22, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 22. }

The following orders of the General Commanding the Army, just received by telegraph, are published for the observance of all concerned :

"Washington, D. C., September 21, 1881.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska.

The remains of the late President of the United States will be interred on Monday the 26th instant, at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Secretary of War directs that labor on that day be suspended at all military posts, and on all public works under the direction of the War Department. The flags at all military posts, stations, forts, buildings and vessels, will be kept at half-mast during the day, and at 12 o'clock meridian twenty-one minute guns will be fired from all forts, and at all military posts, and at the Military Academy.

These ceremonies are not to take the place of, or to interfere with, those prescribed in General Orders No. 71, current series, from this office, announcing the death of the President.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SHERMAN :

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

LEONARD HAY,

Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, September 24, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 23. }

The following orders just received, per advanced copy, are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY.
No. 70. } ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, September 16, 1881.

To correct certain misapprehensions existing as to the meaning of General Orders, No. 44, of May 10, 1881, from this office, it is ordered:

1. The service rifle and ammunition will be used in Department, Division, and Army contests.

2. "Marksman's rifles" will only be issued as prizes—three to each Division team annually, and three to the Army team every alternate year. No "marksman's rifles" have yet been made or issued.

3. "Marksman's rifles," when issued as "prizes," may be admitted in contests, as they will be suited to the service ammunition.

4. The *long-range* rifles mentioned in paragraph VIII of General Orders, No. 44, are not "marksman's rifles," and will be used for experimental purposes, but not in Department, Division, or Army teams.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SHERMAN:

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK.

LEONARD HAY,
Capt. 9th Infantry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:


Capt. 9th Infantry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska. September 27, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 24. }

In compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 2, Special Orders No. 160, current series, Adjutant General's Office, Colonel *Robert Williams*, Assistant Adjutant General, is relieved from duty at these Headquarters.

An intimate military and personal association of six years standing, during most of which time operations of magnitude were conducted against the largest tribes of hostile and ill-disposed Indians living within the territory of the United States, has given the Department Commander the fullest opportunity of learning the rare abilities and fine social qualities of Colonel *Williams*.

A general expression of recognition of valuable services rendered is all that is contemplated in this order; a detailed reference would involve a re-capitulation of all the work performed by the troops in the Department of the Platte, since January 1st, 1876, the direction of much of which devolved upon Colonel *Williams*, during the Department Commander's absence with expeditions in the field.

The Department Commander feels however that it is his duty to specify the important and arduous labors connected with the campaigns against the Sioux in 1876 and 1877, and against the Utes in 1879—during which periods Colonel *Williams*' assistance was simply invaluable.

While it is a source of regret to sever such pleasant relations, the Department Commander is glad to know that Colonel *Williams* will in the future have a field of action more in accord with his distinguished abilities and that he will take with him the sympathies and best wishes of every officer and soldier in the Department.

GEORGE CROOK,

Brigadier General Commanding.

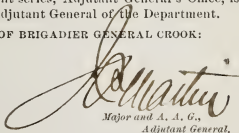


HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, October 1, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 25. }

Major *James P. Martin*, Assistant Adjutant General, U. S. A., having reported in accordance with Paragraph 2, Special Orders No. 160, current series, Adjutant General's Office, is assigned to duty as Adjutant General of the Department.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 19, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 26. }

The following is the result of the October contest for places on the Department Team, held in obedience to Paragraph 3, General Orders No. 44, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, May 10th, 1881. The first twelve constitute the Team.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.

CONTESTANTS.			200 YARDS.				400 YARDS.				600 YARDS.				Grand total of 6 scores		Total per cent. of 6	
RANK.	TROOP OR CO.	REGIMENT.	SCORE.		TOTAL.	SCORE.		TOTAL.	SCORE.		TOTAL.	SCORE.		TOTAL.	Total of 2 scores of 5 shots each.	Total of 2 scores of 5 shots each.	Total per cent. of 6	Grand total of 6 scores
			SCORE.	TOTAL.		SCORE.	TOTAL.		SCORE.	TOTAL.		SCORE.	TOTAL.					
1.	Anson W. Stay	Sergt.	0. 4. 3. 3. 3. 3.	4 14 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 18	32	64	5. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 19	4. 5. 22	45	90	2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 17	4. 5. 22	45	90	35	70	112	67
2.	Bailey Rice	Pvt.	3. 4. 4. 3. 4. 4.	4 18 4. 4. 3. 4. 19	37	74	5. 1. 4. 4. 4. 4. 17	4. 5. 20	37	74	3. 5. 3. 4. 4. 4. 17	4. 5. 20	37	74	35	70	110	73
3.	William Death	Sergt.	3. 4. 4. 3. 4. 4.	4 19 4. 3. 4. 3. 4. 18	37	74	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 18	4. 5. 19	37	74	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 19	37	74	35	70	109	73
4.	Joseph A. Garbo	Pvt.	4. 4. 4. 3. 4. 4.	4 19 4. 3. 4. 3. 4. 19	38	76	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 18	4. 5. 20	38	76	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 20	38	76	36	72	107	71
5.	George Stafford	Pvt.	2. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	31	62	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 18	35	70	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 18	35	70	39	78	105	70
6.	James A. Marshall	Sergt.	3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	36	72	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 19	36	72	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 19	36	72	34	68	105	70
7.	Alexander Jolie	Sergt.	3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	36	72	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 19	36	72	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 19	36	72	34	68	104	69
8.	William T. Shipp	Sergt.	3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	36	72	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 19	36	72	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 19	36	72	34	68	104	69
9.	H. W. Gordon	Pvt.	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	34	68	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 18	34	68	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 18	34	68	34	68	100	67
10.	John Brandel	Sergt.	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	34	68	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 18	34	68	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 18	34	68	34	68	100	67
11.	William Balford	Sergt.	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	32	64	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 17	32	64	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 17	32	64	33	66	97	63
12.	John Robinson	Sergt.	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	31	62	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 16	31	62	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 16	31	62	33	66	97	63
13.	Charles A. Merchant	Pvt.	3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	31	62	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 16	31	62	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 16	31	62	33	66	97	63
14.	Jeremiah Mack	Sergt.	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	34	68	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 18	34	68	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 18	34	68	34	68	101	67
15.	Eden N. Dally	Corp'l	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	35	70	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 19	35	70	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 19	35	70	35	70	101	67
16.	L. D. Blackwood	Pvt.	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	33	66	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 17	33	66	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 17	33	66	33	66	99	66
17.	Charles B. Hennessy	Corp'l	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	32	64	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 16	32	64	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 16	32	64	33	66	99	66
18.	Frank G. French	Pvt.	3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	27	54	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 15	27	54	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 15	27	54	27	54	97	65
19.	Charles Stevens	Sergt.	3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	25	50	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 14	25	50	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 14	25	50	26	52	97	65
20.	Charles Harding	Sergt.	3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	28	56	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 15	28	56	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 15	28	56	32	64	94	63
21.	Otto Broderson	Pvt.	3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	29	58	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 16	29	58	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 16	29	58	32	64	94	63
22.	Charles Taylor	1st Sgt.	3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	23	46	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 12	23	46	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 12	23	46	26	52	95	64
23.	Thomas Severson	Corp'l	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	21	42	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 11	21	42	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 11	21	42	25	50	95	64
24.	Theodore Brehm	Sergt.	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4.	4 20 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	27	54	4. 2. 4. 4. 4. 4. 16	4. 5. 15	27	54	4. 3. 4. 4. 4. 4. 15	4. 5. 15	27	54	27	54	95	64

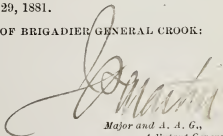
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 20, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 27. }

3 First Lieutenant *Dan. C. Kingman*, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., having reported in accordance with Paragraph 6, Special Orders No. 163, current series, Adjutant General's Office, is assigned to duty as Engineer Officer of the Department, to date from September 29, 1881.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, November 3, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 28. }

Recent inspections of the Cavalry of this Department show that it is not in that efficient state that the best interest of the service requires.

A thorough system of drills and military instruction will be at once established and continued whenever it is possible.

When a troop of cavalry is ordered on detached service the Post Commander will forward to these Headquarters a report showing the strength of the command so detached, and accounting by name for all officers and enlisted men retained at the post, or absent from the command, with the authority for their absence.

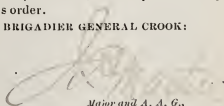
No cavalry horses shall be transferred to the Quartermaster's Department without the authority of the Department Commander.

Cavalry horses shall be used for cavalry purposes only. A thorough inspection of all horses in the Quartermaster's Department shall be made at once by Post Commanders, and all horses found not fit for service will be reported to these Headquarters.

Post Commanders will see that all the ordinary garrison duties are regularly and properly performed.

Many of the troop records are reported as being irregularly and improperly kept. Post Commanders will see that these irregularities are corrected, and they will report monthly upon the subjects of this order.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General,*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, November 8, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 29. }

The following best scores, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of September, with service arms, as reported by Company and Post Commanders, are published for the information of the command.

Third Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP OR CO.	RANGE, YDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Gustave Custer.....	Private.	D	100	5, 4, 5, 5, 4	23	92
John W. Hunter.....	Sergeant.	D	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Walter J. Lynch.....	Private.	A	100	4, 5, 4, 3, 4	20	80
John Connor.....	Private.	H	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 3	20	80
John F. Shaw.....	Private.	B	200	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	92
John Oliver.....	Sergeant.	M	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Adam Pringle.....	Private.	M	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	76
Michael Fitzgerald..	Private.	A	300	3, 4, 4, 3, 4	18	72
David E. Pateman.....	Private.	I	400	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
Bion M. Bakeman.....	Private.	E	400	5, 5, 5, 3, 3	21	84
John Robinson.....	Sergeant.	H	400	5, 4, 4, 4, 3	20	80
Joseph Knicely.....	Private.	B	400	5, 4, 4, 3, 3	19	76
William D. Beach.....	2d Lieut.	E	400	2, 3, 4, 5, 4	18	72
John P. Walker.....	Captain.	I	400	5, 3, 0, 5, 5	18	72
Henry Burton.....	Private.	F	500	4, 4, 4, 3, 4	19	76
Harry F. Conrad.....	Private.	F	500	3, 5, 3, 3, 4	18	72
Frederick C. Kuenzli..	1st Sergt.	K	600	3, 3, 5, 4, 3	18	72
Wm. Schwerdtfeger..	Private.	K	600	3, 3, 4, 3, 2	15	60

Companies C, G and L, in the field.

Fifth Cavalry Practice.

Clarence E. Carpenter ..	Corporal.	F	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
John Ryan.....	Private.	B	200	4, 4, 5, 3, 5	21	84
J. M. Hamilton.....	Captain.	H	200	3, 5, 5, 3, 5	21	84
Henry Baker.....	Private.	M	200	4, 5, 3, 5, 4	21	84
George Stafford.....	Private.	H	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Hampton M. Roach..	1st Sergt.	F	200	3, 3, 3, 5, 5	19	76
Wilhelm O. Phillipsen..	Private.	D	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 3	18	72
George E. Parmer.....	Private.	C	200	4, 3, 4, 4, 2	17	68
Daniel Stewart.....	Sergeant.	E	200	0, 4, 4, 4, 4	16	64
Denis Laffan.....	Sergeant.	D	300	5, 5, 3, 4, 3	20	80
Samuel Klingensmith..	Sergeant.	F	300	4, 4, 4, 5, 3	20	80
Heinrich Schonberg..	1st Sergt.	C	300	4, 4, 5, 3, 4	20	80
William Hyde.....	Private.	L	300	4, 4, 3, 3, 5	19	76
Richard Nicholson.....	1st Sergt.	L	300	4, 4, 3, 4, 3	18	72
Wm. J. Donohue.....	Private.	B	300	3, 5, 4, 3, 3	18	72
Rudolph Hauser.....	Sergeant.	A	400	5, 5, 4, 5, 3	22	88
George H. Tait.....	Private.	G	400	3, 3, 5, 4, 5	20	80
Dennis Whalen.....	Private.	G	400	5, 4, 4, 3, 4	20	80
William Peters.....	Sergeant.	E	400	5, 5, 5, 2, 2	19	76
Frank Ferris.....	Private.	A	500	2, 4, 5, 2, 5	18	72
William Werner.....	Saddler.	K	500	2, 3, 4, 3, 4	16	64
James A. Corbett.....	Private.	K	500	2, 4, 4, 2, 4	16	64

Company I, in the field.

Fourth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TRUOP OR CO.	RANGE, YDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Wm. G. Heirchberg.	Private.	G	200	5, 4, 5, 5, 4	23	92
Joel C. Deats	Sergeant.	G	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Wm. W. Bisbee	Private.	A	200	2, 3, 4, 4, 4	17	68
John Sanger	Musician.	A	300	0, 2, 4, 4, 5	15	60
Ludwig Roper.	Sergeant.	F	400	5, 4, 3, 4, 0	16	64
William L. Neff.	Trump.	H	400	4, 5, 4, 0, 2	15	60
Thomas Conlon.	Sergeant.	K	500	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
William H. Creech	Private.	K	500	5, 4, 5, 4, 3	21	84
John Vosberg	Sergeant.	I	500	2, 5, 4, 2, 4	17	68
John L. Taylor	Corporal.	F	500	4, 4, 2, 3, 2	15	60
Edgar C. Haddock.	Sergeant.	I	500	0, 5, 0, 5, 3	13	52
James S. Foote.	Private.	H	500	3, 0, 2, 2, 3	10	40

Companies B, C and E, in the field.
Company D, on detached service.

Sixth Infantry Practice.

Stephen Baker.	Captain.	B	300	4, 5, 3, 4, 3	19	76
Francis Johnson	Private.	B	500	5, 3, 4, 4, 4	20	80

The only Company having had practice in September.

Ninth Infantry Practice.

James Morrow	Private.	E	100	5, 5, 5, 4, 3	22	88
John A. Louder	1st Sergt.	E	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Joseph A. Patton.	Private.	I	100	2, 4, 5, 4, 4	19	76
William E. Hofman.	1st Lieut.	H	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
John Myers.	Private.	F	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Th. M. Moody.	Private.	D	200	5, 4, 3, 4, 4	20	80
William H. Long.	Private.	B	200	3, 4, 5, 3, 3	18	72
S. F. Wade.	Private.	G	200	4, 2, 3, 4, 5	18	72
A. H. Bowman	Captain.	A	300	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
J. Gebhardt.	Private.	K	300	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
J. Manning	Private.	C	300	4, 4, 3, 4, 5	20	80
J. White	1st Sergt.	D	300	4, 5, 4, 4, 3	20	80
H. C. McClellan	Private.	K	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
C. G. Holmes	Private.	G	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
George W. Parrent.	Sergeant.	A	300	4, 3, 3, 5, 4	19	76
James H. Willis.	Musician.	B	300	4, 3, 2, 4, 3	16	64
John O'Brien.	Private.	I	400	5, 3, 3, 2, 5	18	72
John Brandel.	Sergeant.	F	400	4, 3, 5, 5, 5	22	88
E. N. Daily	Corporal.	C	400	2, 3, 4, 5, 5	19	76
James H. Merton.	Sergeant.	H	600	2, 4, 4, 4, 5	19	76

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, November 19, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 30. }

In order to carry into effect fully the requirements of General Orders No. 24, series 1878, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, and to enhance the efficiency of Post Schools, the Secretary of War directs that the following rules be particularly observed:

School Reports will hereafter be rendered bimonthly, commencing January 1, 1882, and forwarded through Department Headquarters to Chaplain GEORGE G. MULLINS, U. S. Army, in charge of "Education in the Army," St. Louis, Missouri.

Where no School is in operation, or where the School has been suspended, it must be so stated, and an adequate reason therefor assigned in every report.

Inasmuch as only an elementary English education is proposed, it is believed that at each post the Commanding Officer might find an available enlisted man competent to start a School and conduct it until regular teachers can be supplied.

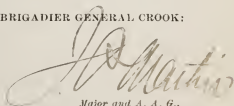
Officers in immediate charge of Post Schools and Reading Rooms will visit them daily, and earnestly endeavor to promote the usefulness of the same.

It is the duty and a most honorable privilege of the Chaplains especially to take a very active part in this educational work, and it is believed they will cheerfully perform it, if opportunity is offered them to do so.

Teachers will be required to devote considerable care to the instruction of pupils in the History of the United States.

The Assistant Adjutant General on duty at Department Headquarters will, in addition to his other duties, under the Department Commander, have a general supervision of the Post Schools, and will, annually, on the 1st day of September of each year, make a full report to the Adjutant General as to the condition and progress of the Schools within the Department, setting forth specifically the failure or neglect of any Post Commander to take proper interest in, or facilitate the operations of, the Schools.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*



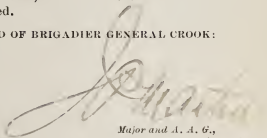
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, November 29, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 31. }

General Order No. 24, series of 1874. from these Headquarters, is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to the Adjutant General mentioned in the text below. The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes.

*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, December 2, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 32. }

For the purpose of improving Rifle Practice in this Department, the following instructions will be strictly observed:

1. Companies not already supplied therewith, will at once procure the necessary material for gallery practice, as provided for in General Orders No. 36, series of 1880, Adjutant General's Office.

Post Commanders will when it is possible, afford facilities for frequent practice under cover or in quarters during the winter months.

2. At every Post, schools for the instruction of officers and non-commissioned officers in Laidley's "Rifle Firing," (revised edition), will be opened this winter. The officers school will be under the direction of the Commanding Officer, who will transmit to these Headquarters a monthly report of progress.

Instruction to non-commissioned officers imparted in the form of brief lectures is preferable to recitations.

3. The Record of Best Firing (Form 30-c,) should contain two scores. The total is that of *each* score. The per cent. should be that of *both* scores, or of one score of ten shots, and in reporting practice for the Nevada Trophy will be footed up giving the per cent. of the entire record. When a man fires but one score of five shots during the month, it will not be entered upon this form, but will appear on Form 30-d, with an explanatory remark.

4. Attention will be given to Estimating Distances, in which drill every company will be required to have an annual classification.

In Paragraph 217, Laidley's "Rifle Firing," (revised edition), there is an omission to be supplied by authority of the author, as follows: After "*points*," insert, "*in eight consecutive estimates.*"

For purposes of thorough instruction, the drill may be indefinitely prolonged, as provided for in paragraphs 186, 192, 208 and others; but in order to obtain a classification, eight

consecutive estimates will be made by every man, and fourteen points will be required for advancement.

The Aiming and Pointing drill (Part. II, chapter I and II) should not be neglected during the season of practice.

Recruits will be carefully instructed in the preliminary drills, and will not be permitted to fire the service cartridge until they have acquired steadiness in gallery practice.

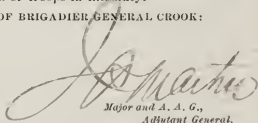
Sufficient importance is not generally attached to preliminary drill and theoretical instruction. The companies which have given the most attention to this are known to be farthest advanced in practice, while those which have been neglectful show a very unsatisfactory state of progress.

The troops will be allowed all the time necessary for careful practice on the Range and all hurry will be avoided.

5. In the annual classification provided for in Paragraph 522, Revised Laidley's Rifle Firing, the required per cent. will be that of two scores of five shots, or of one score of ten shots.

Rifle practice is regarded as a very important part of the instruction of a soldier in garrison, and no details on extra duty, daily duty or fatigue must be allowed to interfere with the proper instruction of troops in this duty.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, February 26, 1881.

(CIRCULAR:)

The following communication is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,

Washington, February 16, 1881.

TO THE

COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte.

SIR:

I have the honor to inform you that the purchase of coffee-mills and meat-choppers from the Company Fund will hereafter be allowed and regarded as a legitimate expenditure from that fund, and to request you to inform the company commanders serving in your Department accordingly.

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, April 4, 1881.

[CIRCULAR:]

The following correspondence is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,

Washington, March 25, 1881.

Lieutenant *John S. Bishop,*

Regimental Quartermaster, 15th Infantry,

Thro’ Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri.

SIR:

Referring to your letter of February 8, 1881, asking what pattern of Helmet is to be worn by Regimental Staff Officers, the General of the Army decides that Regimental Staff Officers of Artillery and Infantry, being mounted, should wear the Helmet prescribed for officers of mounted troops.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.”

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, April 23, 1881.

[CIRCULAR:]

The following communication is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,

Washington, April 11, 1881.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte,

Fort Omaha, Neb.

SIR:

In order to avoid unnecessary correspondence, the General of the Army desires that company commanders be instructed to append to their Accounts Current of Company Funds a brief note explanatory of the use to which articles other than purchases for the company messes are applied.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed,]

CHAUNCEY McKEEVER,

Assistant Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 6, 1881.

[CIRCULAR:]

The following communication is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“WAR DEPARTMENT

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, July 30, 1881.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska,

(Thro. Head'qrs. Military Division Missouri.)

SIR:

In ordering the examination of non-commissioned officers for promotion to Second Lieutenant, under the provisions of section 4, act of June 18, 1878, and General Orders, No. 62, as amended by General Orders, No. 68, series of 1878, from Headquarters of the Army, department commanders have, in several instances, ordered the examination of applicants who are over the prescribed age, or who are married, or of non-commissioned officers of the several staff departments who had not been recommended for such examination by the chiefs of such departments.

The Secretary of War therefore directs that the attention of department commanders be invited to the provisions contained in the concluding clause of section 4 of the act hereinbefore cited, under which no non-commissioned officer belonging to any staff department may be examined unless his promotion is recommended by the chief of such department, and his examination ordered by the Secretary of War. The Secretary further directs that no man over thirty years of age or who is married, be recommended or examined, and that no non-commissioned officer of the General Service serving in a department be examined unless his promotion shall have been recommended by his department or division commander.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK.

LEONARD HAY,

Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 8, 1881.

[CIRCULAR:]

The following communication is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,
Washington, August 2, 1881.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL,
Department of Texas,
(Thro’. Head’qrs. Mil. Div. of the Missouri.)

SIR:

Referring to endorsement of July 11th, from your Headquarters forwarding communication from the Chief Ordnance Officer Department of Texas, submitting certain points arising in connection with General Orders Nos. 44 and 45, of 1881, from this office, I have the honor to communicate for your information the following remarks of the General of the Army on the subject:

“To change General Orders No. 44, as suggested by Captain *Russell*, would at this time create confusion. If found advisable a change will be made for the firing of next year.

“With reference to General Orders No. 45, it is to be understood that the record is to be taken from the best scores made at any time during the month, *i. e.* Private A. B. can make his best scores on one day of the month; C. D. on the same, or another day, and so on through the entire company.

“The two consecutive scores authorized by the same order need not necessarily be at the same practice on the same day, or even consecutive days of the month. It is only required that the scores shall be made at consecutive practices.

“With reference to the consolidated report called for by General Orders No. 86 of 1879, to be made on October 1st, of each year, the rule to be observed is that governing in all such cases, *i. e.* the report is to be made to include all firing of the year up to that date, and therefore includes that of

September; consequently there is no conflict between the order and par. 522 of Laidley's Manual."

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

[Signed]

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General."

HEADQUARTERS MIL. DIVISION OF THE MO.,

Chicago, August 5, 1881.

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information of the Commanding General Department of the Platte.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SHERIDAN,

[Signed]

WM. D. WHIPPLE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

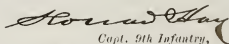
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,

LEONARD HAY,

Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 9, 1881.

[CIRCULAR:]

The following communication is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, August 2, 1881

THE COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte,

(Thro'. Head'qrs. Mil. Div. of the Missonri.)

SIR:

I have the honor to communicate for your information, the following decision of the General of the Army on a question presented by Colonel *John H. King*, 9th Infantry in a letter addressed to this office on the 12th ultimo:

"After the piece has been inspected, returned to the recruit, and the hammer placed on the safety notch, the right hand is *not* dropped to the side before lowering the piece with the left hand, but it is passed at once directly to 'near the middle band' and the piece lowered to the ground."

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed]

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

LEONARD HAY,

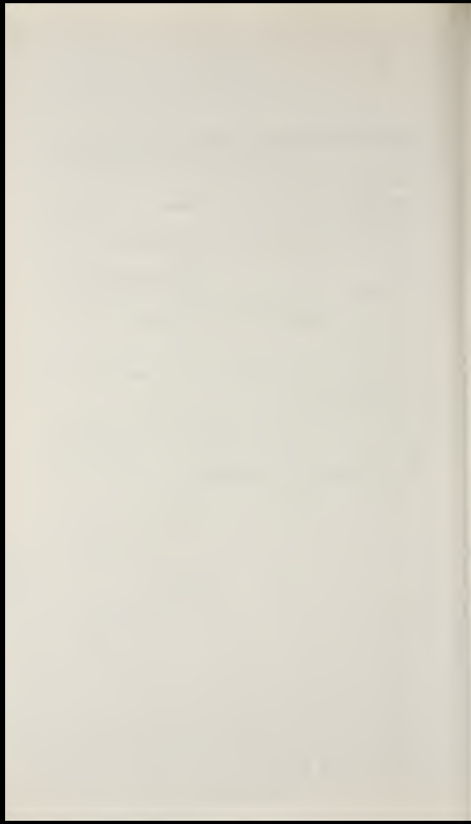
Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, August 10, 1881.

[CIRCULAR:]

The following communication is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“WAR DEPARTMENT

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, August 6, 1881.

COMMANDING GENERAL,

Department of the Platte,

Omaha, Nebraska,

GENERAL:—

I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary of War directs that, hereafter, in all applications for admission of enlisted men to the Soldiers' Home at Washington, D. C., it must be distinctly stated, by the immediate commanding officer, whether or not the soldier is able to travel without an attendant.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

LEONARD HAY,

Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Capt. 9th Infantry,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Fort Omaha, Nebraska, September, 12, 1881.

[CIRCULAR:]

The following communication is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

“HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,
Washington, September 6, 1881.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL,
Department of the Platte,
(Thro’. Head’qrs. Mil. Div. of the Missouri.)

SIR:

Referring to your endorsement of the 31st ultimo, forwarding inquiry of Colonel *A. G. Brackett*, 3d Cavalry, as to how the chain chin strap of the helmet should be worn; I have the honor to inform you that the chain chin strap on the new helmet should be worn on the chin on all duties under arms, or when in full dress uniform.

I am sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[Signed] R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General.”

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:
LEONARD HAY,
Capt. 9th Infantry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Capt. 9th Infantry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, January 11, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 1. }

The following decisions of the Secretary of War, communicated by letters from the Adjutant General of the Army, are announced for the government of this command:

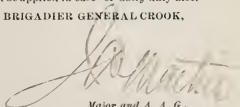
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"non-commissioned officers can not be allowed and paid extra duty pay except as 'overseers' (when the working force is large enough to warrant employment of such) and that the law does not contemplate their employment as artificers, consequently they should not be so employed."

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"details of non-commissioned officers on daily duty should not be made except in cases of emergency—the necessity for which must be made apparent—and that the decision prohibiting the detail of non-commissioned officers on *extra* duty should be applied in cases of *daily* duty also."

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK,



*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, January 19, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 2. }

In accordance with his own request, First Lieutenant *W. S. Schuyler*, 5th Cavalry, is relieved from duty as Aide de Camp upon the Staff of the undersigned.

The distinguished services rendered by Lieutenant *Schuyler* during a most arduous and successful campaign against the hostile Apaches of Arizona, in 1872-3 and 4 and, subsequently, in all operations carried on in this Department against hostile Sioux, Cheyennes, Bannocks, Nez Percés and Utes from 1876 to the present time, cannot be too highly commended and entitle him to most grateful recognition.

Lieutenant *Schuyler* will carry with him to his new field of duty the kindest remembrances of his late commander and of all those with whom he has been associated at these Headquarters and their best wishes for an honorable and successful career.

GEORGE CROOK,
Brigadier General,
Commanding.

OFFICIAL:



Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, February 1, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 3. }

The following results of rifle practice for the Target year ending September 30, 1881, are published for the information of this command :

Men reported as having qualified as Marksmen in their Troops or Companies during the target year ending September 30th, 1881:

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP OR COMPANY.	REGIMENT.	PER CENT.			AVERAGE.
				200 YDS.	300 YDS.	600 YDS.	
Frederick C. Knenzli.	1st Sergt.	K	3d Cavalry.	74	84	74	81
Leander F. Demorest.	Private.	C	5th Cavalry.	80	80	80	80
William Balford.....	1st Sergt.	I	6th Infantry.	86	86	76	84
James Sedore.....	Sergeant.	I	6th Infantry.	84	86	72	79
James H. Merton.....	Sergeant.	H	9th Infantry.	88	80	74	81

Men having duly qualified as Marksmen at the Department Rifle Range in the target year of 1881, to be rated accordingly in their respective Troops or Companies:

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP OR COMPANY.	REGIMENT.	PER CENT.			AVERAGE.
				200 YDS.	300 YDS.	600 YDS.	
Charles A. Merchant..	Private.	A	3d Cavalry.	80	80	72	77
Charles Taylor,	1st Sergt.	D	3d Cavalry.	80	80	76	78
Charles B. Hennessy.	Private.	A	5th Cavalry.	80	74	76	80
Charles Stevens,	Private.	B	4th Infantry.	80	74	72	78
Baley Rice.....	Private.	C	4th Infantry.	84	74	84	84
Thomas Severson.....	Corporal.	I	4th Infantry.	80	80	72	77
William Heath.....	Sergeant.	F	9th Infantry.	80	80	84	81
Anson W. Stay.....	Sergeant.	F	9th Infantry.	80	80	72	77
Alexander Jolie.....	Sergeant.	K	9th Infantry.	84	80	72	78
H. W. Gordon	Private.	K	9th Infantry.	88	88	84	87

Annual classification of Troops for the target year ending September 30th, 1881:

THIRD CAVALRY.	NUMBER OF				
	MARKSMEN.	1ST CLASS.	2D CLASS.	3D CLASS.	TOTAL.
Troop A.....	1	....	....	53	54
Troop B.....	..	..	....	50	50
Troop C.....	....	....	....	55	55
Troop D.....	1	....	....	54	55
Troop E.....	..	....	....	51	51
Troop F.....	1	....	1	55	57
Troop G.....	....	....	....	55	55
Troop H.....	....	....	..	51	51
Troop I.....	....	..	....	50	50
Troop K.....	1	1	5	46	53
Troop L.....	2	1	6	54	63
Troop M.....	....	....	....	54	54
Total of Regiment....	6	2	12	628	648

FIFTH CAVALRY.					
Troop A.....	2	4	18	33	57
Troop B.....	..	..	....	58	58
Troop C.....	1	..	....	54	55
Troop D.....	....	....	....	52	52
Troop E.....	....	....	..	45	45
Troop F.....	..	..	....	57	57
Troop G.....	....	..	6	51	57
Troop H.....	1	....	..	50	51
Troop I.....	..	....	....	60	60
Troop K.....	..	6	10	42	58
Troop L.....	....	....	....	44	44
Troop M.....	..	1	2	54	57
Total of Regiment....	4	11	36	600	651

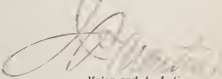
FOURTH INFANTRY.					
Company A.....	....	....	....	29	29
Company B.....	1	..	2	37	40
Company C.....	2	..	..	38	40
Company D.....	....	5	..	36	41
Company E.....	....	....	13	24	37
Company F.....	....	....	2	38	40
Company G.....	1	10	19	11	41
Company H.....	..	....	....	41	41
Company I.....	1	..	..	40	41
Company K.....	1	3	9	25	38
Total of Regiment....	6	18	45	319	388

SIXTH INFANTRY.	NUMBER OF				
	MARKSMEN.	1ST CLASS.	2D CLASS.	3D CLASS.	TOTAL.
Company A.....	13	26	39
Company B.....	...	5	13	27	45
Company C.....	22	24	46
Company D.....	42	42
Company E.....	...	2	27	19	48
Company F.....	43	43
Company G.....	...	8	12	30	50
Company H.....	49	49
Company I.....	2	14	5	17	38
Company K.....	13	24	37
Total of Regiment ..	2	29	105	301	437

NINTH INFANTRY.					
Company A.....	1	4	2	28	35
Company B.....	...	...	...	35	35
Company C.....	2	...	...	44	46
Company D.....	1	1	...	39	41
Company E.....	...	...	...	37	37
Company F.....	3	...	...	37	40
Company G.....	...	...	...	40	40
Company H.....	1	...	...	39	40
Company I.....	...	...	...	36	36
Company K.....	3	...	...	33	36
Total of Regiment ..	11	5	2	368	386
Total of Department..	29	65	200	2216	2510

The best firing in this Department, for the Nevada Trophy in the Target Year of 1881, was done by Company I, 6th Infantry. Average per cent, 51 33-100.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:


Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, February 16, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 4. }

The following letter is published for information of this command :

“WAR DEPARTMENT
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,
Washington, February 10, 1882.

To the

Commanding General
Department of the Platte,
Omaha, Nebraska,

Sir :

Referring to your endorsement of the 24th ultimo, forwarding a communication from the Commanding Officer Company 11, 9th Infantry, relative to compensating company cooks from the company fund for the wear and tear of their clothing; I am directed to inform you that the purchase with the company fund of overalls or aprons necessary for the protection of the clothing of the company cooks would be proper.

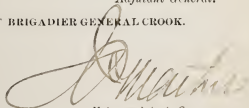
I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. DRUM,

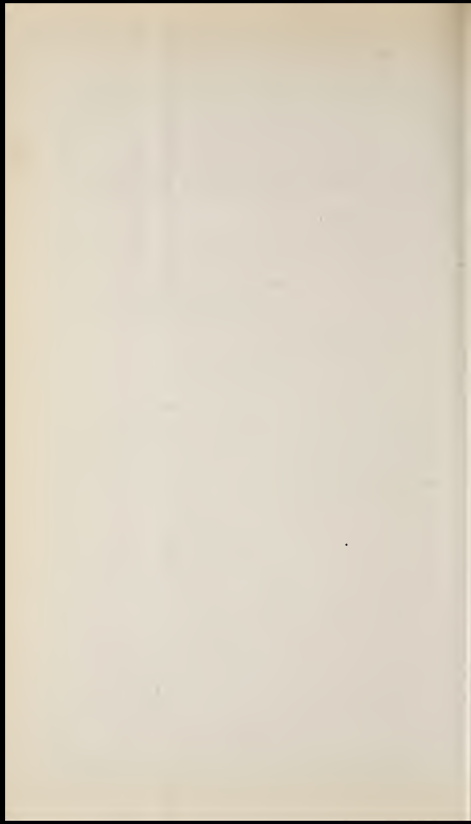
Adjutant General.”

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK.



Major and A. A. G.,

Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, March 3, 1882.

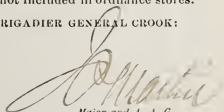
GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

Hereafter, all targets and target material (which includes cotton cloth, paper targets, pasters, shot marks, flags, &c.,) will be kept on hand by post ordnance officers for the use of troops serving at their posts. These stores will be used as required, under the direction of the post commander; and such stores as may properly be thus accounted for will be expended on the post ordnance returns.

Company and troop commanders will apply to the post ordnance officer for such stores as they may from time to time require for target practice. They will, as heretofore, make requisitions to these headquarters for ammunition, and reloading and gallery practice tools and material.

Post quartermasters will fabricate articles necessary for rifle practice which are not included in ordnance stores.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



Major and A. A. G.,

Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, March 28, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 6. }

The following letter is published for information of this command:

“HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,
Washington, March 21st, 1882.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Department of the Platte
Thro’ Headquarters Mil. Div of the Mo.

SIR,

Referring to your endorsement of the 10th instant, forwarding a letter from Captain *J. M. Lee* 9th Infantry requesting certain information as to Chevrons to which soldiers are entitled, on account of service in the Volunteer force during the War of the Rebellion; I have the honor to inform you that to entitle a soldier to the “Service Chevron” he must have served a *term* of enlistment, but a Volunteer Soldier of the War of the Rebellion may wear a “*War Chevron*,” whether he has served out his enlistment or not.

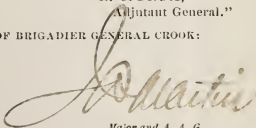
I am sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General.”

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, likely of R. C. Drum, is written over the typed name and title.

*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, April 5, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 7. }

The following endorsement on a communication from the post quartermaster at Fort Laramie, W. T., requesting information regarding the employment of non-commissioned officers on extra duty, is published for the information of this command.

“ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,

March 29th, 1882.

Respectfully returned to the Commanding General Division of the Missouri.

The Secretary of War has decided that the words of the law ‘not exceeding one overseer for twenty men’ are to be considered to mean ‘twenty or a less number’, and that more than one overseer to twenty men is unauthorized.

It has also been decided that non-comm’d officers may be detailed as school teacher and rated as overseers, with an allowance of \$.35c per day extra pay.

BY COM’D OF GEN. SHERMAN:

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General.”

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, April 6, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8. }

If the abuse referred to in the following circular letter obtains at any post in this Department it will be at once corrected.

“WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, March 25, 1882.

To the

Commanding General

Department of the Platte,

Omaha, Nebraska.

(Through Headqrs. Mil. Div. of the Missouri.)

Sir :

The Secretary of War having learned that it has been the custom at some posts to issue bread tickets in numbers largely exceeding the wants of the garrison, and that, in consequence thereof, they have been bartered, sold, and otherwise misapplied by the troops, he directs that the attention of department commanders be invited to the subject and that they take measures to prevent such abuse in future.

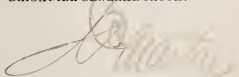
I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

R. C. DRUM,

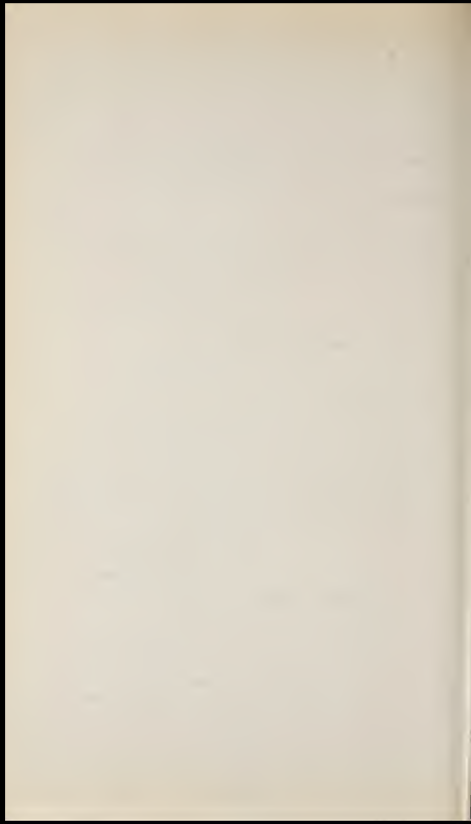
Adjutant General.”

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



Major and A. A. G.,

Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, May 11, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 9. }

In accordance with instructions from the Lieutenant General the posts of Fort Fetterman and Fort Sanders, W. T., will be at once abandoned, and the garrisons thereof will proceed to Fort D. A. Russell, W. T., and take station thereat.

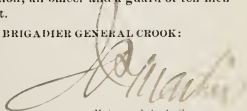
The public property at these posts will be disposed of under the direction of the Chiefs of the Staff Departments to which it pertains.

Post funds and the property pertaining thereto will be transferred to the Post Treasurer of Fort D. A. Russell, W. T.

The records of the posts will be sent to these Headquarters.

Pending this disposition, an officer and a guard of ten men will be left at each post.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE, Omaha, Nebraska, May 12, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 10. }

The following best scores, made at Gallery Practice in the Department during the month of March, 1882, on Ordnance paper targets, position, standing, are published for the information of the command.

Third Cavalry Gallery Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, FEET.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Casper Marks	Bl'ksmith.	M	50	4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5	45	90
C. A. Merchant	Private.	A	50	4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5	45	90
Gerald Russell	Captain.	K	50	5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4	45	90
F. G. French	Corporal.	A	50	5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4	44	88
Perley S. Eaton	Private.	K	50	5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4	44	88
Frank P. Seacrist	1st. Sergt.	E	50	5, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4	43	86
Beirne Flamer	Private.	E	50	5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4	42	84
James B. McMurray	Private.	I	50	4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4	41	82
Maurice Bradley	Private.	I	50	4, 4, 4, 3, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 3	41	82
John Lannen	Sergeant.	F	60	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	
James J. Ryan	Private.	F	60	5, 5, 4, 4, 5	23	
F. K. McAdams	Private.	L	60	5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4	44	88
Hubert Beohake	Sergeant.	G	65	4, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5	45	90
Edward Buckel	Private.	G	65	5, 5, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4	44	88
John Robinson	Sergeant.	H	70	4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5	44	88
Willard E. Read	1st. Sergt.	H	70	5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4	44	88
John D. Howe	1st. Sergt.	L	75	4, 5, 4, 3, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 3	42	84
Arthur E. Randall	Sergeant.	C	80	5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5	46	92
James O. Mackay	2d. Lieut.	C	80	5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5	46	92
John M. Porter	2d. Lieut.	M	100	5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5	43	86
John J. Kerins	Private.	M	100	4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 3, 5, 5	42	84
F. Surprenant	Private.	A	100	5, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 5, 4	41	82
Charles Taylor	1st. Sergt.	D	100	4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 5, 3, 5, 5, 3	40	80
John F. Heckman	Private.	D	100	4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 5, 3, 5, 5, 3	40	80
M. Fitzgerald	Private.	A	100	4, 5, 3, 4, 4, 5, 4, 3, 5, 3	40	80

Fifth Cavalry Gallery Practice.

A. C. Macomb	2d. Lieut.	B	50	5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5	47	94
George Struener	Private.	C	50	5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5	46	92
Heinrich Schonberg	Sergeant.	C	50	5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4	46	92
Charles Arnoudts	Trumpetr.	B	50	4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4	45	90
Jos. Morris	Corporal.	F	50	4, 5, 3, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4	44	88
George Waterhouse	Private.	A	50	5, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5	41	82
John Hansen	Private.	E	50	3, 4, 3, 5, 3, 4, 4, 3, 5, 3	37	74
Gustave Snyder	Corporal.	C	75	5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 4, 5	42	84
John M. Lowe	Sergeant.	A	75	4, 2, 5, 4, 4, 5, 3, 3, 5, 4	39	78
Patrick Freeman	Private.	H	100	3, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 3	43	86
Dennis Laflan	Sergeant.	D	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 2, 4, 4, 5, 5	42	84
Arthur W. Newbern	Farrier.	L	100	3, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 3	41	82
William Cullen	Sergeant.	H	100	3, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3	41	82
Edmund Schreiber	1st. Sergt.	K	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 3, 3	41	82
Charles Harding	Sergeant.	M	100	5, 5, 3, 3, 4, 3, 5, 5, 5, 3	41	82
William L. Putnam	Private.	D	100	4, 5, 4, 5, 2, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4	41	82
Patrick Lynch	1st. Sergt.	G	100	5, 4, 2, 5, 4, 5, 4, 3, 5, 4	41	82
John Nihil	Private.	G	100	4, 5, 2, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 3	41	82
Anthony Lord	Private.	M	100	3, 3, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 3, 5, 3	40	80
Thomas Holahan	Private.	I	100	2, 4, 5, 3, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5	40	80
William M. Latham	Corporal.	L	100	4, 4, 5, 3, 3, 3, 3, 5, 4, 5	39	78
James A. Corbett	Sergeant.	K	100	3, 4, 5, 3, 4, 3, 5, 3, 3, 4	39	78
George E. Deme	Private.	I	100	3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 3, 3, 3, 4	39	78
C. H. Rockwell	1st. Lieut.	E	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 3, 2	39	78
John Fitzgerald	Sergeant.	F	100	3, 3, 5, 5, 2, 3, 3, 5, 4, 5	38	76

The practice of Troops C, E, and L was interrupted by detached service.

Fourth Infantry Gallery Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY.	RANGE. FEET.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Baley Rice.....	Corporal.	C	50	5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	49	98
Henry Enthbert.....	Sergeant.	C	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5	47	94
Richard Flynn.....	Corporal.	D	50	5, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5	44	88
Richard Robinson.....	Corporal.	K	50	4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4	43	86
William H. Creech.....	Private.	K	50	5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5	43	86
Thomas P. Campbell.....	Private.	D	50	4, 5, 5, 3, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3	42	84
John Vosburg.....	Sergeant.	I	70	3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 3	43	86
Parker H. Dice.....	Private.	I	70	5, 5, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5, 5, 4	43	86
John Smith.....	Corporal.	H	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4	44	88
Cornelius L. Crisp.....	Private.	H	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5	44	88
William Shook.....	Private.	F	100	3, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5	43	86
John Gastel.....	Private.	F	100	5, 4, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 4, 2, 5	41	82
George Seymour.....	Private.	B	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 4	41	82
John C. Bolin.....	Corporal.	E	100	3, 5, 5, 4, 2, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4	41	82
Isaac H. Clay.....	Private.	B	100	4, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 3, 3, 3	39	78
D. O'Brien.....	Sergeant.	E	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4	39	78

Company G did not have Gallery Practice.

Sixth Infantry Gallery Practice.

W. H. H. Crowell.....	1st. Lieut.	E	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	50	100
Peter Carroll.....	Private.	E	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5	48	96
Stephen Baker.....	Captain.	B	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4	47	94
Charles H. Ingalls.....	2d. Lieut.	B	50	4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4	47	94
Lawrence Kirk.....	Private.	K	50	4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5	47	94
James Casher.....	Private.	I	50	4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5	46	92
John Edgar.....	Private.	I	50	5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5	46	92
Henry Baker.....	Private.	K	50	4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5	43	86
Frank Morrison.....	Sergeant.	E	75	4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4	43	86
John Phillips.....	Private.	E	75	4, 5, 5, 5, 3, 5, 5, 2, 4, 5	43	86
John W. Jenkins.....	1st. Sergt.	G	100	5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 5, 5	44	88
Julius C. Sholtzly.....	Private.	G	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 3	43	86
John Kramer.....	Private.	H	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4	42	84
John Desmond.....	Sergeant.	D	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 5, 5, 5	41	82
George Pilkinton.....	Private.	D	100	4, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5	41	82
Henry L. Gray.....	Corporal.	H	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4	40	80
George Tager.....	Private.	C	100	3, 3, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4	40	80
Hugh Fitzpatrick.....	Private.	C	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 5, 3, 5	40	80
Frank W. Benjamin.....	Private.	F	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 2, 5, 5, 2, 4, 4	40	80
August Striver.....	Private.	F	100	4, 2, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 2	38	76
Jacob Mattes.....	Private.	A	100	4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4	37	74
S. A. Wilkinson.....	Sergeant.	A	100	3, 4, 4, 2, 2, 3, 5, 3, 5, 4	35	70

Ninth Infantry Gallery Practice.

John A. Baldwin.....	1st. Lieut.	D	50	5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5	47	94
Christian Schmid.....	Private.	D	50	4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5	47	94
Sanford C. Fox.....	Private.	F	50	5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5	44	88
John W. Cosgrove.....	Corporal.	H	50	4, 5, 5, 3, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4	44	88
Merritt B. Pratt.....	Private.	I	50	5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5	43	86
John I. Lusk.....	Private.	E	50	4, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4	45	90
Sylvester Poole.....	Sergeant.	H	50	5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4	45	90
Anson W. Stay.....	Sergeant.	F	50	4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4	45	90
John O'Brien.....	Private.	I	50	4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4	43	86
Edgar B. Robertson.....	1st. Lieut.	E	60	4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4	44	88
James A. Willis.....	Musician.	B	70	5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5	43	86
George Zeltner.....	Sergeant.	B	70	4, 5, 4, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5, 3, 4	43	86
Charles Wallace.....	Private.	A	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4	43	86
Jeremiah Mack.....	Sergeant.	A	100	3, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 3, 3, 5, 5	42	84
Herman Bode.....	Trumpetr.	G	100	5, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4	39	78
Charles Mannweiler.....	Private.	G	100	4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5	38	76

The following scores were made in the kneeling position:

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY	RANGE. FEET	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Leonard Hay	Captain.	K	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	50	100
Alexander Jolie	Sergeant.	K	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	50	100
Joseph Miller	Corporal.	K	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	50	100
Henry C. Carr	Private.	K	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	50	100
Henry W. Gordon	Private.	K	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	50	100
Alfred H. Salmon	Private.	K	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	50	100
Isaac B. Walker	Private.	K	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	50	100
Charles E. Werntz	Private.	K	50	5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	50	100
Thomas Heeney	Sergeant.	D	50	5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	49	98
Charles C. Davis	Private.	C	50	5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	48	96
Samuel B. Lindsey	Private.	D	50	5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5	48	96
Edward Donnelly	Private.	C	50	5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5	48	96

The practice of Company F was interrupted by detached service.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, June 3, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 11. }

The following letter is published for the information of this command:

"WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 24, 1882.

The Commanding General

Department of the Platte,

Through Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri.

SIR:

The attention of the Secretary of War has been called to the meagreness of the information frequently presented in proceedings of boards of survey, rendering them, in many cases, of little value in reaching a decision upon the matter at issue.

It too often appears that the facts developed by the board are regarded as for the information of the members only, and it seems to be forgotten that the object of a board of survey is to record the facts not only for its own use but for the information and guidance of the commanding officer as well as of the Secretary of War (see paragraphs 1410, 1411, and 1412 of the Regulations), by whom the proceedings may have to be reviewed.

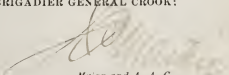
The Secretary of War desires that the foregoing remarks be communicated to your command for the information of boards of survey.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

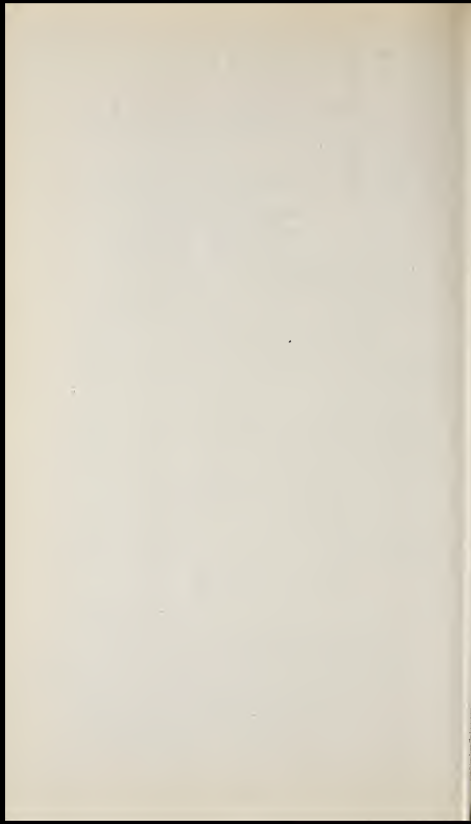
Your obedient servant,

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General."

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 20, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 12. }

The following letter is published for information and guidance of this command:

“WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, June 14, 1882.

Commanding General,
Department of the Platte,
Omaha, Nebraska.

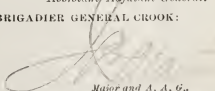
SIR:

The General of the Army directs that Company Commanders be instructed to forward to Regimental Headquarters a copy of all Assignment and Descriptive rolls of recruits, sent direct to their companies.

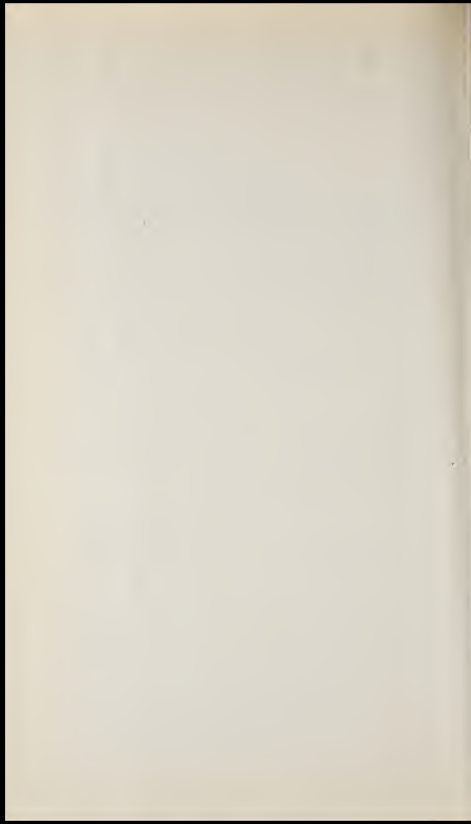
I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
CHAUNCEY MCKEEVER,
Assistant Adjutant General.”

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,


Omaha, Nebraska, July 14, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS {
No. 13. }

The following decision of the General of the Army is published for the information and guidance of this command:

"Until other instructions are issued, General Orders No. 53 c. s. will be regarded as governing in all cases of target practice where apparent conflict with other previous orders or with Laidley's Rifle Practice seem to exist."

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, July 31, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 14. }

The following changes in the stations of officers and troops are ordered, the movements to take place as soon after August 1st, 1882, as practicable:

Colonel *Wesley Merritt*, Fifth Cavalry, is relieved from duty in this Department to enable him to comply with the requirements of General Orders No. 78, paragraph 1, current series Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office.

Headquarters and Band, Fifth Cavalry, will proceed to Fort Sidney, Neb., and take station thereat.

Headquarters, Band and Companies G, B and K, Fourth Infantry, will proceed to Fort Omaha, Neb., and take station thereat.

Headquarters, Band and Company C, Ninth Infantry, will proceed to Fort Niobrara, Neb., and take station thereat.

Upon their arrival in this Department, the Headquarters and Band, Twelfth Infantry, will proceed to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., and take station thereat.

Major *Isaac D. De Russy*, Fourth Infantry, is assigned to the command of Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.

Major *William T. Gentry*, Ninth Infantry, is relieved from duty at Fort Omaha, Neb., and assigned to duty at Fort Niobrara, Neb.

The Camp at Cheyenne Depot, Wyo., will be discontinued, and the garrison thereof will report to the Commanding officer Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., for duty at that post.

Company I, Ninth Infantry, will proceed to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., and take station thereat.

One troop, Fifth Cavalry, to be designated by the post commander, will proceed from Fort Niobrara, Neb., to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., and take station thereat.

Company K, Ninth Infantry, will proceed to Fort McKinney, Wyo., and take station thereat.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

J. P. MARTIN,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.



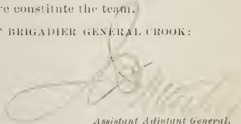
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 15, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 15. }

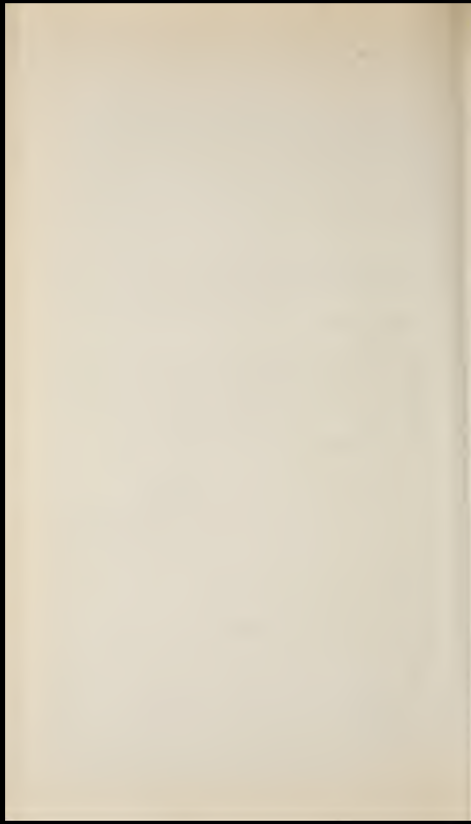
The accompanying tabular statement shows the result of the August contest for places on the Department Team, held in obedience to paragraph 3, General Orders No. 53, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, May 15, 1882. The first twelve constitute the team.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



Assistant Adjutant General.

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		TOTAL.	Total of 21 shots at 300 yards.	SCORE.	TOTAL.
4, 4, 5	21	79	3, 3, 4, 2	5, 5, 2	24
4, 4, 4	21	78	2, 5, 2, 4	3, 3, 5, 3	24
4, 2, 3	22	80	0, 5, 4, 3	3, 3, 0	18
2, 4, 3	23	72	2, 2, 5, 3	5, 4, 2	23
3, 5, 4	27	77	4, 0, 2, 3	3, 5, 2	19
3, 4, 3	25	65	5, 4, 3, 4	3, 3, 5	27
5, 4, 3	27	81	4, 0, 0, 2	2, 2, 0	19
4, 3, 3	24	72	4, 0, 2, 5	5, 0, 2	18
4, 4, 4	25	67	3, 3, 3, 4	0, 2, 4	19
3, 4, 4	27	78	4, 2, 2, 3	4, 2, 2	19
4, 3, 5	25	78	2, 5, 2, 3	4, 3, 2	21
5, 3, 4	24	74	0, 4, 5, 0	2, 0, 4	15
3, 4, 2	21	63	2, 2, 3, 4	3, 3, 3	22
2, 2, 3	22	64	0, 0, 5, 3	2, 0, 3	13
4, 3, 4	27	79	0, 3, 4, 4	3, 4, 5	23
3, 5, 3	25	76	3, 0, 4, 0	0, 0, 2	9
3, 4, 4	27	75	4, 0, 2, 4	0, 2, 4	16
4, 3, 0	14	65	4, 2, 5, 2	0, 3, 5	21
4, 2, 4	25	77	0, 2, 3, 2	2, 2, 4	15
3, 0, 0	17	62	4, 2, 5, 4	4, 2, 3	21
2, 3, 4	23	77	1, 3, 2, 2	2, 5, 3	17
4, 4, 4	22	61	0, 3, 4, 5	2, 4, 5	21
4, 3, 3	23	62	2, 2, 0, 2	3, 3, 2	14
4, 4, 5	25	78	0, 2, 0, 0	0, 0, 0	2
4, 3, 3	21	63	2, 2, 4, 2	0, 2, 2	14
3, 4, 4	18	61	3, 2, 3, 4	2, 3, 0	17
3, 3, 5	19	61	4, 2, 2, 3	4, 3, 4	22
2, 4, 4	23	55	3, 4, 3, 3	2, 3, 3	21
3, 3, 4	24	70	0, 0, 0, 0	0, 0, 0	0
1, 2, 2	13	38	3, 4, 5, 3	2, 0, 0	17
2, 4, 4	24	58	1, 0, 4, 0	0, 0, 2	6
4, 4, 4	24	71	0, 0, 0, 0	0, 0, 0	0

REPORT OF THE RIFLE CONTEST, DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE, AUGUST, 1882.

CONTESTANTS.			200 YARDS.										300 YARDS.										600 YARDS.										Grand total of 65 shots.	
NAMES.	RANK.	TIDUP OR COMPANY.	REGIMENT.	SCORE.					TOTAL.	SCORE.					TOTAL.	SCORE.					TOTAL.	SCORE.					TOTAL.	Total of 21 shots at 100 yards.	Grand total of 65 shots.					
				1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.		1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.		1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.		1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.								
1. H. W. Gordon	Corporal.	K	1st Bn. Inf.	4	4	4	4	4	28	4	4	4	4	4	28	4	4	4	4	4	28	4	4	4	4	4	28	14	291					
2. James Solore	Private.	G	1st Bn. Inf.	5	4	4	4	4	27	5	4	4	4	4	27	5	4	4	4	4	27	5	4	4	4	4	27	14	291					
3. Charles E. Iwells	Corporal.	G	1st Bn. Inf.	6	4	4	4	4	26	6	4	4	4	4	26	6	4	4	4	4	26	6	4	4	4	4	26	14	291					
4. John N. Dally	Corporal.	L	1st Bn. Inf.	7	4	4	4	4	25	7	4	4	4	4	25	7	4	4	4	4	25	7	4	4	4	4	25	14	291					
5. Charles Gregory	Corporal.	C	1st Bn. Inf.	8	4	4	4	4	24	8	4	4	4	4	24	8	4	4	4	4	24	8	4	4	4	4	24	14	291					
6. John Brandell	Sergeant.	K	1st Bn. Inf.	9	4	4	4	4	23	9	4	4	4	4	23	9	4	4	4	4	23	9	4	4	4	4	23	14	291					
7. Thomas O'Leary	Sergeant.	K	1st Bn. Inf.	10	4	4	4	4	22	10	4	4	4	4	22	10	4	4	4	4	22	10	4	4	4	4	22	14	291					
8. James A. Corbett	Sergeant.	K	1st Bn. Inf.	11	4	4	4	4	21	11	4	4	4	4	21	11	4	4	4	4	21	11	4	4	4	4	21	14	291					
9. Louis Kornemann	Private.	P	1st Bn. Inf.	12	4	4	4	4	20	12	4	4	4	4	20	12	4	4	4	4	20	12	4	4	4	4	20	14	291					
10. Thomas B. Robertson	Private.	E	1st Bn. Inf.	13	4	4	4	4	19	13	4	4	4	4	19	13	4	4	4	4	19	13	4	4	4	4	19	14	291					
11. John Khalil	Private.	G	1st Bn. Inf.	14	4	4	4	4	18	14	4	4	4	4	18	14	4	4	4	4	18	14	4	4	4	4	18	14	291					
12. Charles Dussel	Private.	I	1st Bn. Inf.	15	4	4	4	4	17	15	4	4	4	4	17	15	4	4	4	4	17	15	4	4	4	4	17	14	291					
13. Joseph Murrell	Corporal.	F	1st Bn. Inf.	16	4	4	4	4	16	16	4	4	4	4	16	16	4	4	4	4	16	16	4	4	4	4	16	14	291					
14. Edgar B. Robertson	1st. Lieut.	A	1st Bn. Inf.	17	4	4	4	4	15	17	4	4	4	4	15	17	4	4	4	4	15	17	4	4	4	4	15	14	291					
15. James Boord	Sergeant.	R	1st Bn. Inf.	18	4	4	4	4	14	18	4	4	4	4	14	18	4	4	4	4	14	18	4	4	4	4	14	14	291					
16. Christian Madsen	Sergeant.	A	1st Bn. Inf.	19	4	4	4	4	13	19	4	4	4	4	13	19	4	4	4	4	13	19	4	4	4	4	13	14	291					
17. Jeremiah Mack	Sergeant.	A	1st Bn. Inf.	20	4	4	4	4	12	20	4	4	4	4	12	20	4	4	4	4	12	20	4	4	4	4	12	14	291					
18. James Lounsbury	Private.	B	1st Bn. Inf.	21	4	4	4	4	11	21	4	4	4	4	11	21	4	4	4	4	11	21	4	4	4	4	11	14	291					
19. Max Stouffer	Corporal.	B	1st Bn. Inf.	22	4	4	4	4	10	22	4	4	4	4	10	22	4	4	4	4	10	22	4	4	4	4	10	14	291					
20. Martin L. Webster	Corporal.	H	1st Bn. Inf.	23	4	4	4	4	9	23	4	4	4	4	9	23	4	4	4	4	9	23	4	4	4	4	9	14	291					
21. Thomas Seyoum	Corporal.	H	1st Bn. Inf.	24	4	4	4	4	8	24	4	4	4	4	8	24	4	4	4	4	8	24	4	4	4	4	8	14	291					
22. Bernard Degnan	Sergeant.	D	1st Bn. Inf.	25	4	4	4	4	7	25	4	4	4	4	7	25	4	4	4	4	7	25	4	4	4	4	7	14	291					
23. William E. Hoffman	1st. Lieut.	H	1st Bn. Inf.	26	4	4	4	4	6	26	4	4	4	4	6	26	4	4	4	4	6	26	4	4	4	4	6	14	291					
24. James M. Slavery	Private.	B	1st Bn. Inf.	27	4	4	4	4	5	27	4	4	4	4	5	27	4	4	4	4	5	27	4	4	4	4	5	14	291					
25. Gerhard Holmson	Corporal.	H	1st Bn. Inf.	28	4	4	4	4	4	28	4	4	4	4	4	28	4	4	4	4	4	28	4	4	4	4	4	14	291					
26. James A. Marshall	Private.	D	1st Bn. Inf.	29	4	4	4	4	3	29	4	4	4	4	3	29	4	4	4	4	3	29	4	4	4	4	3	14	291					
27. Conrad Kirchner	Private.	M	1st Bn. Inf.	30	4	4	4	4	2	30	4	4	4	4	2	30	4	4	4	4	2	30	4	4	4	4	2	14	291					
28. George E. Iwells	Private.	G	1st Bn. Inf.	31	4	4	4	4	1	31	4	4	4	4	1	31	4	4	4	4	1	31	4	4	4	4	1	14	291					
29. Thomas King	Sergeant.	H	1st Bn. Inf.	32	4	4	4	4	0	32	4	4	4	4	0	32	4	4	4	4	0	32	4	4	4	4	0	14	291					
30. Gustave Snyder	Sergeant.	C	1st Bn. Inf.	33	4	4	4	4	0	33	4	4	4	4	0	33	4	4	4	4	0	33	4	4	4	4	0	14	291					
31. Clarence E. Martin	Corporal.	D	1st Bn. Inf.	34	4	4	4	4	0	34	4	4	4	4	0	34	4	4	4	4	0	34	4	4	4	4	0	14	291					
32. Harry F. Reed	Private.	G	1st Bn. Inf.	35	4	4	4	4	0	35	4	4	4	4	0	35	4	4	4	4	0	35	4	4	4	4	0	14	291					



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 16, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 16. }

The following directions concerning target practice are published for the information and government of this command:

1. The commanding officers of troops and companies which compete for the Nevada Trophy will send their records of best firing direct to these Headquarters as soon after September 30th as possible.

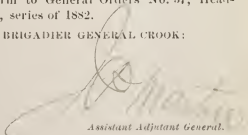
Firing must conform strictly to the requirements of General Orders No. 52, Headquarters of the Army, series of 1882.

2. The annual target records of troops and companies will be accompanied by a list of all *marksmen* of the troop and company with their qualifying scores in full. In case a marksman has qualified in previous years the fact will be noted, giving the year and number of the order announcing this fact. Their qualifying scores for other than the current year need not be transmitted.

3. Post commanders having cavalry in their commands will include in their special reports of best shots (required by letter from these Headquarters, dated June 10, 1881,) scores made with revolver and with carbine. The reports will show the distances, arms used, and of firing mounted, the gait.

Practice must conform to General Orders No. 57, Headquarters of the Army, series of 1882.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 30, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 17. }

In obedience to orders of The President, the undersigned hereby relinquishes command of the Department of the Platte. In severing the personal and official ties which have for so many years existed between himself and the officers and men on duty in this Department, he cannot limit his farewell words by any conventional expressions of regret, but must take occasion to earnestly thank each and all for duties ably and conscientiously performed under the most trying circumstances.

The exigencies of the service have compelled him at various periods to call upon the troops for the most toilsome and dangerous labors, in the performance of which all concerned have shown themselves to be animated by the noblest motives and possessed of the highest soldierly qualities.

He bids to each a kind farewell and hopes that the excellent reputation for discipline and courage won in the past may be maintained untarnished in the future.

GEORGE CROOK,

Brigadier General.

OFFICIAL:



Assistant Adjutant General.



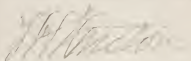
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, August 30, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 18. }

The following letter is published for the information of this command:

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SHERIDAN:



Major Pay Department,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

“HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, August 22d, 1882.

The

Commanding General.

Department of the East.

Governor's Island, New York Harbor.

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 17th instant, and to inform you in reply to the inquiry contained therein, that the purchase of garden seeds and utensils out of company funds is authorized, and that it is not the intent of Paragraph 552 of the Regulations as modified by General Orders No. 7, current series from this office, to prevent expenditures from company funds on account of company gardens.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd)

R. C. DRUM

Adjutant General.”

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information of the Commanding General, Department of the Platte (through Headquarters Division of the Missouri.)

S. N. BENJAMIN,

Assistant Adjutant General

1st. Endorsement.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION MISSOURI.

Chicago, August 28, 1882.

Respectfully transmitted to the Commanding General, Department of the Platte.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SHERIDAN.

R. WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, September 2, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 19. }

Post Commanders will furnish on the 30th day of September, 1882, and regularly thereafter on each target year ending at that date, a detailed statement to these Headquarters giving the information called for in General Orders No. 97, Headquarters of the Army, series of 1882, as follows:

1. The extent and adaptability of the range.
2. The kind and number of targets.
3. Facilities for aiming and in-door practice.
4. Facilities for re-loading cartridges.
5. The time of year most suitable for target practice.
6. The number of "long range rifles."
7. The kind of arm used in practice, *carbine or rifle.*

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SHERIDAN.

*Major Pay Department,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, September 5, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 20. }

In pursuance of paragraph 2, General Orders No. 78, Adjutant General's Office, of July 14, 1882, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the Department of the Platte.

The following officers constitute the personal staff, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly :

First Lieutenant *Joseph A. Sladen*, Fourteenth Infantry, Aide-de-Camp.

First Lieutenant *Charles E. S. Wood*, Twenty-first Infantry, Aide-de-Camp.

First Lieutenant *Guy Howard*, Twelfth Infantry, Aide-de-Camp.

O. O. HOWARD,

Brigadier General,

Brevet Major General, U. S. A.

OFFICIAL :

Aide-de-Camp



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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, September 5, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 21. }

Major *Joseph H. Taylor*, Assistant Adjutant General, U. S. A., having reported in accordance with paragraph 3, Special Orders No. 175, current series, Adjutant General's Office, is assigned to duty as Assistant Adjutant General of the Department.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

J. H. TAYLOR,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL.

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, September 8, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 22. }

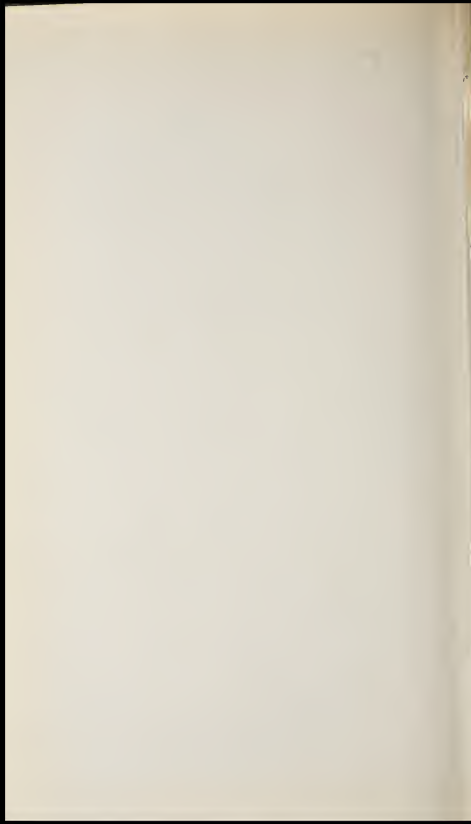
1. So much of sentences of Courts-Martial now in force in this Department as require prisoners to wear "ball and chain" is remitted.)

2. At every post in the Department the Officer of the Day will invariably at retreat roll-call verify the prisoners who may be in confinement.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. Ingles". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, September 9, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 23. }

At all Posts in this Department, where it is by any means practicable, evening dress-parade will be held at least twice each week.

Until further orders Sunday evening dress parades will be discontinued.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

J. H. Taylor

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, September 20, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 24. }

In accordance with instructions from the Headquarters of the Army, General Orders No. 23, current series, from these Headquarters, are hereby revoked.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

J. A. SLADEN.

Aide-de-Camp.

OFFICIAL:

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, September 30, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 25. }

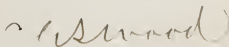
Hereafter all charges preferred against Commissioned Officers, or enlisted men, serving in this Department, requiring the action of the Department Commander, the proceedings in such cases as are brought to trial, the original charges and all official communications connected therewith, will be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General; and all parts of General Orders No. 18, series of 1877, Headquarters Department of the Platte, conflicting with this requirement, are revoked.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

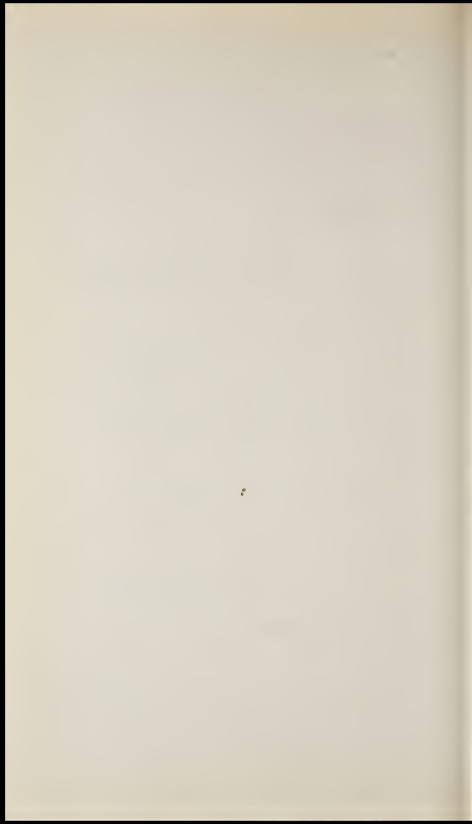
J. H. TAYLOR,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Omaha, Nebraska, September 30, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 26. }

Lientenant Colonel *Edwin C. Mason*, Fourth Infantry,
is hereby assigned to duty as Acting Assistant Inspector
General of this Department.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

J. H. TAYLOR,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

*Omaha, Nebraska, October 4, 1882.*GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 27. }

1. General Orders No. 1, from these Headquarters of February 12, 1878, are revoked.

2. The following monthly allotment of funds, for payment of extra duty men, at the several posts in this command is hereby established, viz:

STATION.	Amount. \$. c.		STATION	Amount. \$. c	
Fort Omaha.....	120	00	Fort Douglas . . .	120	00
Fort Niobrara . . .	110	00	Fort Cameron . . .	76	00
Fort Sidney.....	95	00	Fort Washakie	76	00
Fort D. A. Russell. .	120	00	Fort Robinson . . .	90	00
Fort Fred. Steele..	55	00	Fort Laramie . . .	100	00
Fort Bridger	76	00	Fort McKinney . . .	120	00
Fort Hall.....	55	00			

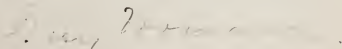
Post Commanders are authorized to regulate the number of men of each class to be employed at their respective posts, as deemed best for the interest of the service. The allotment established is the maximum which will be allowed and will not be exceeded unless specially authorized from these Headquarters. In cases where garrisons are reduced the reduction in expenditures, if the interest of the service permit, should be in accordance therewith. Funds for extra duty pay of the necessary school masters will be furnished in addition to the allotment specified.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

J. H. TAYLOR,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:


Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, October 19, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS } No. 28. }

Gallery practice will be resumed this winter. During the months of January, February and March, each Troop and Company will fire twice each week.

Firing during January will be at 50 feet, standing. During February, at 75 feet, kneeling. During March at 100 feet, lying. Firing at greater ranges than 50 feet may be conducted out doors near the quarters. Should circumstances not permit, however, of using a greater range than 50 feet, firing may be in February kneeling, and in March lying at that distance. To secure uniformity, practice at all distances will be at a target 8x12 inches, with bulls eye 15 16 inches in diameter, which is the size of the Ordnance paper target.

Monthly records of best firing, on form 30—c, giving distance and position, will be sent direct to Department Headquarters.

It is expected that this course of gallery practice will be the means of thoroughly grounding troops in the proper positions and necessary theoretical instruction; and thus be a saving of time when the spring practice begins. Its importance in the instruction of Recruits can not be overestimated.

The attention of Post Commanders is called to the concluding paragraph of General Orders No. 32, Department Headquarters, 1881, which will also govern gallery practice.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

J. H. TAYLOR,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Omaha, Nebraska, November 28, 1882.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 29. }

Thursday, the 30th instant, having been designated by the President as a day of National Thanksgiving, will be duly observed in this Department.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

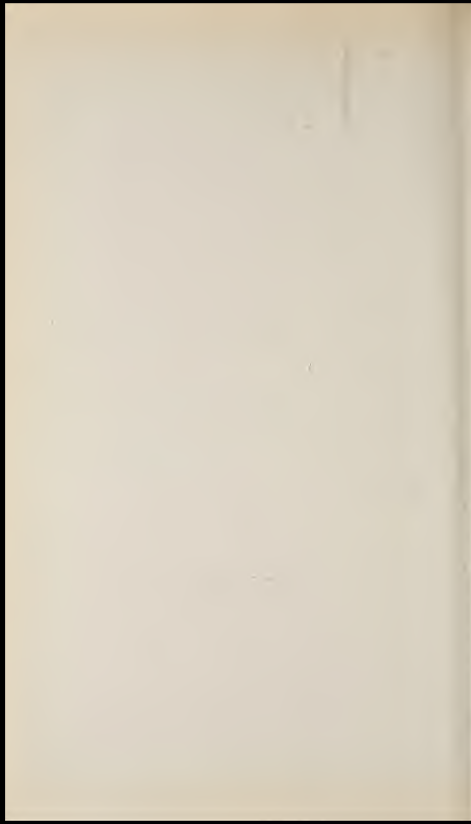
J. H. TAYLOR,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Guy Howard". The signature is written in dark ink and extends across the width of the page.

Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, January 23, 1882.

CIRCULAR }
No. 1. }

The following best scores, as reported by Company and Post Commanders, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of October, 1881, with service arms, are published for the information of the command.

Third Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
James J. Ryan.....	Private.	K	100	3, 5, 5, 5, 4	22	88
Henry Hamilton.....	Private.	K	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Irwin W. Patterson.....	Private.	H	100	5, 5, 4, 4, 3	21	84
Gustave Custer.....	Private.	D	100	3, 5, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Richard Nevins.....	Private.	A	100	5, 4, 3, 4, 5	21	84
William B. Lewis.....	Sergeant.	B	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	76
Robert A. Brown.....	Private.	B	100	3, 5, 4, 3, 4	19	76
Andrew Newland.....	Private.	H	200	4, 5, 5, 3, 3	20	80
Girard B. Hillyer.....	Private.	A	200	3, 4, 4, 3, 4	18	72
Frederick Stanley.....	Sergeant.	G	300	5, 4, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Allen J. Rosenberg.....	Sergeant.	G	300	5, 5, 4, 4, 4	22	88
Martin Koch.....	Private.	M	300	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Adam Pringle.....	Private.	M	400	4, 4, 4, 5, 3	20	80
J. P. Walker.....	Captain.	I	400	4, 3, 5, 3, 3	18	72
Rolle Thomas.....	Private.	I	400	2, 4, 4, 4, 2	16	64
Charles Newman.....	Sergeant.	D	500	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	92
Bion E. Bakeman.....	Private.	E	500	5, 5, 5, 3, 3	21	84
Patrick Dougherty.....	Private.	E	500	5, 2, 4, 4, 5	20	80
Thomas Hockett.....	1st Sergt.	F	500	3, 5, 3, 4, 4	19	76
Harry F. Conrad.....	Private.	F	500	4, 2, 3, 4, 4	17	68

Troops C and L, on detached service.

Fifth Cavalry Practice.

Arthur W. Newbern.....	Farrier.	L	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
William Hyde.....	Private.	L	100	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Charles E. Coon.....	Private.	I	200	5, 4, 5, 5, 4	23	92
James Kennedy.....	Private.	E	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
Charles Lyons.....	Private.	I	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Paul Pierrot.....	Bl'ksmith.	K	200	5, 4, 4, 3, 4	20	80
C. J. Seannell.....	Bl'ksmith.	A	200	4, 3, 4, 5, 4	20	80
George Emerson.....	1st Sergt.	E	200	3, 4, 4, 5, 3	19	76
John M. Lowe.....	Sergeant.	A	200	3, 3, 5, 4, 4	19	76
Andrew A. Jackson.....	Private.	G	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Dennis Whalen.....	Private.	G	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	76
Richard Bennett.....	Private.	K	200	4, 3, 4, 4, 4	19	76
John B. Calawell.....	Private.	F	200	4, 3, 3, 4, 4	18	72
F. M. Jones.....	Sergeant.	D	200	3, 4, 3, 3, 4	17	68
Asbyorn Heiberg.....	Private.	C	200	2, 4, 3, 3, 3	15	60
John B. Waters.....	Private.	B	200	2, 3, 4, 4, 2	15	60
Charles H. Hutton.....	Private.	B	300	2, 4, 3, 5, 5	19	76
French Sharp.....	Private.	D	300	4, 4, 4, 3, 4	19	76
E. P. Grimes.....	Sergeant.	F	300	2, 3, 4, 4, 4	17	68
James McCann.....	Sergeant.	C	300	3, 3, 3, 3, 4	16	64

No practice in Troops H and M.

Fourth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMP.	RANGE, YDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Thomas Conlon.....	Sergeant.	K	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Samuel E. Crump.....	Corporal.	K	100	4, 4, 5, 4, 5	22	88
Joel C. Deats.....	Sergeant.	G	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Joseph A. Smith.....	Corporal.	I	200	5, 3, 4, 3, 5	20	80
Charles T. Mathews.....	Private.	I	200	2, 4, 4, 5, 5	20	80
William Bell.....	Private.	G	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 3	20	80
Wm. H. Welter.....	Sergeant.	H	300	4, 4, 3, 4, 4	19	76
John Eggert.....	Private.	H	300	5, 0, 3, 4, 3	15	60
William Gibbons.....	Corporal.	F	400	5, 4, 5, 5, 5	24	96
William Shook.....	Private.	F	400	4, 5, 0, 5, 5	19	76
J. C. Mitchell.....	Sergeant.	A	500	0, 2, 3, 3, 5	13	52
John Sanger.....	Trump.	A	500	0, 0, 2, 5, 5	12	48

Companies B, C and E, in the field.
Company D, on detached service.

Sixth Infantry Practice.

John Moriarity.....	Private.	A	100	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
Daniel Maloney.....	Sergeant.	C	100	4, 5, 5, 3, 5	22	88
Edward Carr.....	Sergeant.	A	100	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
John R. Clarke.....	Private.	C	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84

The above are the only companies reporting scores.

Ninth Infantry Practice.

George Watson.....	Sergeant.	F	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Dell Terwilliger.....	Corporal.	F	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
John A. Louder.....	1st Sergt.	E	200	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Arthur Deyhle.....	Private.	B	200	4, 4, 5, 3, 4	20	80
John J. Lusk.....	Private.	E	200	5, 5, 4, 4, 2	20	80
Robert H. Durney.....	Corporal.	B	200	4, 4, 5, 3, 3	19	76
Wesley R. Sparks.....	Private.	A	300	5, 5, 4, 5, 3	22	88
A. H. Bowman.....	Captain.	A	300	3, 4, 4, 5, 4	20	80
James H. Merton.....	Sergeant.	H	400	3, 5, 4, 5, 5	22	88
Lewis West.....	Corporal.	H	400	4, 3, 4, 4, 5	20	80
Peter Coffenberg.....	1st Sergt.	I	400	2, 4, 5, 5, 3	19	76
Meritt B. Pratt.....	Private.	I	400	2, 5, 3, 3, 4	17	68

No practice in companies C, D, G and K.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.

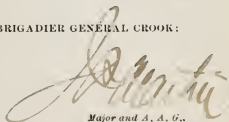
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, April 7, 1882.

CIRCULAR }
No. 2. }

The Lieutenant General has decided that General Order No. 1, current series, Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, does not affect the issue of grain to authorized horses of officers.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 7, 1882.

CIRCULAR, }
No. 3. }

The following best scores, as reported by Company and Post Commanders, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of April, 1882, with Service Arms, are published for the information of the command.

Third Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
C. A. Merchant.....	Private.	A	100	5, 5, 4, 4, 5	23	92
I. Francisco.....	Private.	A	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
Charles Rose.....	Sergeant.	L	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
John F. Davis.....	Corporal.	L	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
James P. Holms.....	Private.	C	100	3, 5, 4, 4, 5	21	84
Michael Range.....	Private.	C	100	3, 4, 5, 3, 4	21	84
George L. Hughes.....	Private.	H	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 3	21	84
Michael Devlin.....	Private.	D	200	5, 4, 4, 5, 4	22	88
Edward McKiernan.....	Sergeant.	E	200	3, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
C. W. Jones.....	Sergeant.	E	200	3, 4, 4, 5, 4	20	80
Edward Platt.....	Private.	M	200	5, 3, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Charles Taylor.....	1st. Sergt.	D	200	5, 3, 4, 5, 3	20	80
John Kohn.....	Corporal.	F	200	5, 3, 4, 2, 4	18	72
John Oliver.....	1st. Sergt.	M	200	3, 4, 3, 5, 2	17	68
Thomas Hackett.....	1st. Sergt.	F	200	4, 3, 4, 4, 2	17	68
Andrew B. Nicholls.....	Private.	G	300	4, 4, 4, 3, 5	20	80
David Manning.....	Sergeant.	G	300	4, 4, 4, 3, 5	20	80
Gerald Russell.....	Captain.	K	300	4, 5, 4, 3, 4	20	80
William Schwerdtfeger.....	Private.	K	300	4, 3, 4, 4, 4	19	76
John Robinson.....	Sergeant.	H	400	5, 4, 4, 4, 3	20	80
Abraham Wilkin.....	Bksmith.	I	400	3, 3, 4, 5, 4	19	76
John Sullivan.....	Saddler.	I	400	2, 4, 4, 3, 5	18	72

Fifth Cavalry Practice.

Harry Williams.....	Private.	A	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Charles Wilson.....	Saddler.	I	100	5, 5, 5, 4, 5	24	96
Cassius Rowell.....	Private.	C	100	4, 5, 4, 5, 5	23	92
Herman Hieze.....	Private.	K	100	4, 5, 4, 5, 3	23	92
Gustav C. Schiedberg.....	Private.	G	100	5, 5, 4, 4, 5	23	92
Heinrich Schonberg.....	1st. Sergt.	C	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
George K. Kitchen.....	1st. Sergt.	I	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
Thomas Quinn.....	Sergeant.	B	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
James A. Corbett.....	Sergeant.	K	100	4, 4, 5, 4, 5	22	88
Charles Steele.....	Sergeant.	G	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Augustus C. Macomb.....	2d. Lieut.	B	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Thomas O'Brien.....	Private.	E	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
George Waterhouse.....	Private.	A	100	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
Henry Kreman.....	Private.	M	100	4, 3, 4, 5, 5	21	84
Frank Howard.....	Private.	M	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Charles C. Suedaker.....	Sergeant.	H	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Henry Humer.....	Private.	E	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
George H. Hively.....	Private.	F	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 3	20	80
William L. Putnam.....	Private.	D	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Joseph Morris.....	Corporal.	F	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Albert Branch.....	Private.	D	200	5, 4, 4, 3, 4	20	80
Martin J. Weber.....	Corporal.	H	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 3	20	80

Troop L had no practice

Fourth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY.	RANGE. YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Michael J. Durkin	Sergeant.	K	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Edgar C. Haddock	Sergeant.	I	100	5, 4, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Thomas Conlon	Sergeant.	K	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 5	23	92
George Wilson	Private.	I	100	5, 4, 4, 5, 5	23	92
Leroy P. Lowe	Private.	B	200	5, 3, 4, 4, 5	21	84
John Welsh	Private.	H	200	5, 4, 3, 5, 4	21	84
Ludwig Roper	Sergeant.	F	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Henry Millbauer	Private.	C	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 3	20	80
Patrick Kelly	Private.	C	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
William Meyer	Private.	H	200	4, 4, 4, 3, 4	19	76
James M. Slavey	Private.	B	200	5, 3, 5, 3, 3	19	76
John Donovan	Sergeant.	E	200	3, 3, 4, 4, 4	18	72
Bernard Degan	Sergeant.	D	200	4, 4, 2, 4, 4	18	72
Patrick Quinlan	Corporal.	D	200	4, 3, 4, 3, 4	18	72
Lewis C. Lindsley	Private.	E	200	3, 5, 4, 4, 2	18	72
William Shook	Private.	F	400	4, 3, 5, 3, 5	20	80

Company G, changing station.

Sixth Infantry Practice.

*Henry Baker	Private.	I	100	5, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	100
John Edgar	Private.	I	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Xaver Wilke	1st. Sergt.	E	100	5, 4, 5, 5, 5	24	96
R. E. Thompson	1st. Lieut.	E	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 5	23	92
William Sullivan	Private.	B	100	4, 5, 4, 5, 5	23	92
Henry Baker	Private.	K	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 5	23	92
Edward Carr	Sergeant.	A	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
Garret O'Reilly	Sergeant.	K	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Alfred Fosettee	Sergeant.	A	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
John R. Clarke	Private.	C	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Charles Kratzenberg	Private.	C	100	4, 4, 5, 3, 5	21	84
Max Lonterbach	Private.	B	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84

*The best score ever made in the Department.

Ninth Infantry Practice.

Henry C. Carr	Private.	K	100	5, 5, 5, 5, 4	24	96
William T. Shipp	Sergeant.	K	100	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
Robin Deeter	Private.	B	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
James F. Anderson	Private.	E	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Frank E. Proctor	Corporal.	B	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
John A. Louder	1st. Sergt.	E	200	3, 4, 4, 5, 4	20	80
Albert Helling	Corporal.	I	200	4, 3, 5, 4, 4	20	80
Joseph M. Shepherd	Musician.	H	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 3	20	80
Edwin A. Hogen	Private.	I	200	4, 4, 4, 3, 4	19	76
James H. Merton	Sergeant.	H	200	5, 4, 4, 3, 3	19	76
Thomas H. Beck	Sergeant.	G	200	3, 3, 4, 4, 4	18	72
Frank McCarthy	Corporal.	G	200	3, 3, 3, 4, 4	17	68

Companies C, D and F did not have practice.
Company A was on detached service.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

A. A. G.
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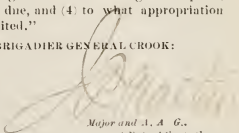
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 13, 1882.

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No. 4. }

The Attorney General of the United States has decided, "respecting expenses of officers and enlisted men attending as witnesses in United States cases in its courts, that before approval [by the Department of Justice] such claims should show (1) evidence from the court before which the witness appeared that he was duly summoned and actually appeared in obedience to summons, (2) who furnished the rations, their number and that the charges made are at the regulation price, (3) to whom the same is due, and (4) to what appropriation the amount is to be credited."

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, June 20, 1882.

CIRCULAR, }
No. 5. }

The following best scores, as reported by Company and Post Commanders, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of May, 1882, with Service Arms, are published for the information of the command.

Fifth Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
L. L. C. Brooks.....	2d. Lieut.	A	100	4, 5, 4, 5, 5	23	92
Cornelius Sheehy.....	Private.	A	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	92
Joseph Gordon.....	Private.	L	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
Oswald Reinhold.....	Private.	K	100	5, 3, 5, 5, 4	22	88
John H. Jefferts.....	Private.	F	100	3, 5, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Joseph Law.....	Private.	I	100	5, 5, 4, 4, 3	21	84
William E. West.....	Private.	C	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Frautlin M. Jones.....	Private.	D	200	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
Heinrich Schonberg.....	1st. Sergt.	C	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Charles K. Hutton.....	Private.	B	200	3, 4, 4, 5, 5	21	84
Augustus C. Macomb.....	2d. Lieut.	B	200	3, 4, 5, 4, 5	21	84
Martin J. Weber.....	Corporal.	H	200	3, 5, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Patrick Freeman.....	Private.	H	200	4, 5, 5, 4, 3	21	84
Edward T. Warn.....	Trumpeter.	I	200	4, 3, 5, 4, 4	20	80
Richard Bennett.....	Private.	K	200	5, 3, 4, 4, 4	20	80
John Nihill.....	Private.	G	200	3, 4, 3, 4, 5	19	76
Frederick Pope.....	Private.	G	200	5, 2, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Arthur Abbott.....	Private.	E	200	4, 3, 4, 3, 4	18	72
William Gray.....	Private.	E	200	4, 2, 3, 5, 3	17	68
Dennis Laffan.....	Sergeant.	D	300	3, 4, 5, 4, 4	20	80
Samuel Klingersmith.....	Sergeant.	F	300	3, 5, 4, 4, 4	20	80
George Bollinger.....	Private.	L	300	4, 4, 5, 3, 4	20	80
William Steele.....	Blksmith.	M	300	5, 2, 3, 4, 4	18	72
Patrick Davin.....	Sergeant.	M	300	3, 3, 3, 2, 5	18	72

Fourth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY.	RANGE, YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Rufus P. Brown.....	1st. Lieut.	K	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Thomas Conlon.....	Sergeant.	K	200	5, 4, 5, 4, 5	23	92
Bernard Degnan.....	Sergeant.	D	200	4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
Thomas P. Campbell.....	Private.	D	200	5, 4, 4, 3, 5	21	84
Clayton Wright.....	Private.	C	300	3, 4, 5, 5, 3	20	80
William Loveland.....	Private.	C	300	3, 4, 5, 4, 3	19	76
W. H. Welter.....	Sergeant.	H	400	3, 5, 5, 4, 3	20	80
Ludwig Roper.....	Sergeant.	F	400	4, 2, 5, 3, 5	19	76
E. H. Brown.....	2d. Lieut.	F	400	3, 3, 4, 3, 5	18	72
William Meyer.....	Private.	H	400	4, 4, 3, 2, 4	17	68

No practice in Companies B, E, G and I

Sixth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY.	RANGE, YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
John Smith	Musician.	C	100	5, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	100
Z. W. Torrey	2d. Lieut.	C	100	5, 5, 5, 4, 5	24	96
Michael McCarthy	Private.	B	100	5, 4, 5, 5, 4	23	92
Peter Johnson	Sergeant.	A	100	3, 4, 5, 5, 5	22	88
Jacob Mattes	Private.	A	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
Michael Landy	1st. Sergt.	K	200	4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
John Ray	Private.	K	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
George Miles	1st. Sergt.	I	300	4, 4, 5, 5, 5	23	92
James Sedore	Private.	I	300	5, 4, 4, 5, 5	23	92
Stephen Baker	Captain.	B	300	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88

Company E, changing station. No practice in Companies D, F, G and H which were stationed at the new Post of Fort Thornburgh.

Ninth Infantry Practice.

Newton McLemains	Private.	F	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
John Dosson	Private.	D	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
John H. Miller	Private.	C	100	5, 4, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Charles Wallace	Private.	A	100	5, 4, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Conrad Gross	Private.	B	100	4, 4, 3, 4, 5	20	80
Michael S. Schiltz	Private.	C	200	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Jeremiah Mack	Sergeant.	A	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
Samuel B. Lindsey	Private.	D	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Isaac B. Walker	Private.	K	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
John I. Williams	Private.	F	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 3	20	80
Thomas Brather	Private.	I	200	3, 5, 5, 5, 4	20	80
John I. Lusk	Private.	E	200	5, 5, 2, 5, 3	20	80
James Dahle	Sergeant.	E	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Peter Coffenberg	1st. Sergt.	I	200	3, 3, 5, 4, 4	19	76
Frank E. Proctor	Corporal.	B	200	5, 3, 4, 3, 4	19	76
William E. Hofman	1st. Lieut.	H	300	5, 5, 4, 4, 5	23	92
Jesse Thomas	Corporal.	K	300	3, 5, 5, 5, 4	22	88
Robert Salmons	Sergeant.	H	300	4, 3, 5, 4, 4	20	80
Richard Schafer	Sergeant.	G	300	4, 5, 3, 5, 3	20	80
Thomas H. Beck	Sergeant.	G	400	2, 3, 4, 5, 5	19	76

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

E. A. Martin
Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, July 3, 1882.

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RULES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT RIFLE CONTEST.

Immediately before the commencement of the contest, the competitors will, by lot, determine the order in which they shall fire. Each will be furnished score cards upon which his number will be entered. No alteration in the order thus determined by lot will be allowed.

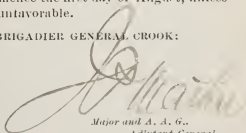
Competition will commence at 200 yards, each competitor firing in the order stated on his score-card, the odd number of each pair taking his place on the right, at the firing point, and firing first; the pair firing alternately until each man has finished his score at that distance. Firing will be continued in a similar manner at 300 and 600 yards.

The competition will extend through three days. On each of these days every competitor will fire one complete score of seven shots at 200, 300 and 600 yards. The twelve marksmen making the highest aggregate scores will constitute the Department Team, and to that marksman making the best aggregate score will be awarded a gold medal.

Competitors will wear proper fatigue uniform with belt. No sighting shots will be allowed. Rifles may be cleaned only between scores.

The contest will commence the first day of August, unless the weather should be unfavorable.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:



*Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, July 20, 1882.

CIRCULAR, {
No. 7. }

The following correspondence is published for the information and guidance of all concerned.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

J. P. MARTIN,
Major and A. A. G.,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

“WAR DEPARTMENT
PAYMASTER GENERAL’S OFFICE
Washington June 24, 1882.

The Adjutant General
of the Army.

General:—

It is desirable that the attention of company commanders be called to the requirements of G. O. 43 A. G. O. 1880, [Par. 2082, A. R.] relating to the settlement of soldier’s accounts, especially to that portion which requires that, when the clothing and other charges on the rolls exceed the pay due the soldier, no settlement shall be attempted, but the whole account including date of last payment and all charges and remarks affecting pay shall be carried forward until sufficient pay shall have accrued to enable the Paymaster to collect all dues to the U. S., and pay a balance to the soldier, and no muster roll shall bear an entry in the column of ‘last paid’ which does not represent an actual settlement of the soldier’s pay account by a *Paymaster* to the date stated.

This is rendered necessary from the fact that company officers, disregarding the plain language of the order referred to, muster soldiers as last paid as of date of previous muster, when in fact they were *not* so paid, as the stoppage due the U. S. exceeded the pay due the soldier and loss to the U. S.

would ensue were not the erroneous muster discovered in this office and the company commander requested to re-muster the soldier for the period omitted.

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In most cases no loss to the U. S. would ensue, but even though there be no loss, the practice if permitted to continue, would render it impossible for this office to keep an accurate account of disbursements and collections, as the amount of the soldier's pay for the time so dropped, would not appear in the Paymaster's account of disbursements; nor would the amount of dues be credited to the departments to which they belong and the balance to the credit of the appropriations of the Pay Department would appear greater than it really was.

Very respectfully

(Sgd)

WM. B. ROCHESTER

Paymaster General

U S Army.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

July 13, 1882.

Official extract respectfully furnished for the information of the Commanding General Department of the Platte, with request that measures be taken to enforce Par 2082. A R; G. O. 43 A G O. 1880) in cases where it is not already complied with, by company commanders in his command.

(Sgd)

R. C. DRUM

Adjutant General."

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Omaha, Nebraska, August 24, 1882.

CIRCULAR, }
No. 8. }

The following best scores, as reported by Troop, Company and Post Commanders, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of June, 1882, with Service Arms and Ammunition, are published for the information of the command:

Fifth Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
George Benton	Private.	C	100	5, 5, 5, 4, 5	24	96
Courtney G. Roeder	Private.	H	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
William H. Merritt	Private.	H	100	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Charles McCarthy	Private.	G	100	3, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Hyalmar Gudmundsen	Private.	G	100	4, 4, 5, 4, 3	21	84
Thomas J. Carroll	Bl'ksmith.	I	100	4, 5, 2, 4, 4	19	76
James A. Corbett	Sergeant.	K	200	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Edward M. Hayes	Captain.	G	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
John Nihill	Private.	G	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
Conrad Kirchner	Private.	M	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Fred W. Foster	2d. Lieut.	K	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
John Connolly	Corporal.	M	200	5, 4, 2, 4, 5	21	84
Neil J. Jensen	Private.	I	200	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
J. A. Angur	Captain.	A	300	4, 5, 4, 5, 5	23	92
Gustave Snyder	Corporal.	C	300	5, 5, 4, 4, 5	23	92
Dennis Laffan	Sergeant.	D	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
James Sloan	Private.	B	300	4, 4, 4, 3, 5	21	84
James Barrett	Corporal.	L	300	4, 3, 4, 5, 4	20	80
James J. Gnith	Private.	B	300	5, 3, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Wilhelm O. Philipsen	Private.	D	300	4, 5, 3, 4, 4	20	80
Charles Gregory	Private.	L	300	5, 4, 4, 3, 4	21	84
Samuel Klingersmith	Sergeant.	F	300	4, 3, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Clarence E. Carpenter	Sergeant.	F	300	4, 3, 4, 3, 4	18	72
Alexander Stewart	Private.	A	500	5, 4, 5, 3, 5	22	88

PISTOL PRACTICE.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YARDS.	MOUNTED OR DISMOUNTED	GAIT.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
William Esser	Private.	F	10	Dismounted.		5, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	100
Joseph Morris	Corporal.	F	10	"		5, 5, 5, 3, 5	23	92
Dennis Laffan	Sergeant.	D	20	"		4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Wm. L. Putnam	Private.	D	20	"		4, 4, 5, 5, 5	23	92
Chas. Crutchenan	Private.	M	20	"		4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
Charles Harding	Sergeant.	M	20	"		4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
A. C. Macomb	2d. Lieut.	B	30	"		5, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	100
James Barrett	Corporal.	L	30	"		4, 5, 4, 5, 5	23	92
H. P. Butler	1st. Sergt.	B	30	"		4, 4, 5, 4, 5	22	88
William Hyde	Private.	L	30	"		5, 4, 4, 4, 3	21	84

Fourth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY.	RANGE, YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
George Price	Private.	K	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Michael J. Durkin	Sergeant.	K	200	5, 5, 4, 4, 4	22	88
William H. Powell	Captain.	G	200	5, 3, 4, 4, 4	21	80
Daniel O'Brien	Sergeant.	E	200	4, 3, 5, 3, 5	20	80
John Sheridan	Sergeant.	G	200	4, 3, 4, 3, 4	18	72
John Murphy	Private.	E	200	2, 4, 4, 3, 5	18	72
Bernard Degnan	Sergeant.	D	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
Baley Rice	Sergeant.	C	300	3, 4, 4, 5, 4	20	80
Leo Heinemann	Private.	C	300	4, 3, 4, 3, 5	19	76
Thomas King	Sergeant.	H	400	4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
William Meyer	Private.	H	400	4, 4, 3, 5, 5	21	84
Richard Flynn	Corporal.	D	500	5, 5, 5, 5, 3	23	92
John J. Havill	Corporal.	F	500	2, 4, 4, 5, 5	20	80
H. E. Robinson	1st. Lieut.	F	500	5, 4, 2, 4, 3	18	72

Sixth Infantry Practice.

Isaac T. Chambers	Private.	D	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
Charles Schuler	Private.	G	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
Charles Welther	Sergeant.	F	100	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
Wm. B. Phillips	Sergeant.	F	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	88
J. P. Schindel	Captain.	H	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
Charles N. Capron	Private.	E	100	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
John Jones	Corporal.	D	100	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
William A. Benaker	Corporal.	E	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	22	88
George Jones	Corporal.	G	200	5, 5, 4, 5, 5	24	96
John W. Harris	Private.	E	200	5, 5, 5, 5, 4	24	96
Peter Carroll	Private.	E	200	5, 4, 3, 4, 5	21	84
Henry Bergen	Sergeant.	A	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
John Moriarty	Private.	A	200	5, 4, 5, 4, 5	21	84
Henry L. Gray	Sergeant.	H	200	4, 3, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Michael Landy	1st. Sergt.	K	200	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
Stewart A. Packet	Private.	E	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
John Warfel	Private.	C	300	4, 3, 5, 4, 4	20	80
Charles H. Wear	Private.	E	500	3, 5, 4, 3, 4	19	76
Henry Baker	Private.	I	400	4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
Max Lauterbach	Corporal.	B	500	4, 4, 5, 5, 5	23	92
Thomas G. Townsend	1st. Lieut.	I	500	5, 4, 4, 5, 5	23	92
Hugh Fitzpatrick	Private.	C	500	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Charles H. Ingalls	2d. Lieut.	B	600	5, 5, 5, 4, 5	24	96
James Board	Sergeant.	K	600	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84

Ninth Infantry Practice.

John Brandel	Sergeant.	F	100	5, 4, 4, 5, 5	23	92
Charles W. Wilson	Private.	G	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	88
William Heath	Sergeant.	F	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
William H. Bullock	Corporal.	H	200	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	92
A. W. Gordon	Private.	K	200	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	92
Dodridge Whitbeck	Private.	D	200	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	24	96
Charles Wallace	Private.	A	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
James Walsh	Corporal.	A	200	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	88
John A. Londer	1st. Sergt.	E	200	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
William E. Hofmann	1st. Lieut.	H	200	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
Patrick Maxwell	Private.	E	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 3	21	80
Arthur Deyhle	Private.	B	200	2, 4, 4, 4, 3	17	68
Eden N. Daily	Corporal.	C	300	5, 5, 4, 5, 4	23	92
William Allison	1st. Sergt.	K	300	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	88
John A. Baldwin	1st. Lieut.	D	300	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
J. M. McCarty	2d. Lieut.	B	300	4, 6, 4, 2, 4	14	56
Henry F. Martin	Private.	G	400	3, 5, 5, 5, 3	21	84
Vigo Pederson	Corporal.	C	500	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CROOK:

S. M. Martin
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska. August 29, 1882.

To the

Assistant Adjutant General,

Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

Chicago, Illinois.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that during the year just ended but little has occurred of special moment within the limits of this Department. The necessities of the service, due to the gravity of the Indian situation in Arizona, caused the transfer of the 3d Cavalry from this command. The smallness of the force now left here and the expense attending the maintenance of garrisons scattered over a vast area induces me to recommend a concentration of troops at eligible points upon the line of the Rail-road, at which they can be supplied at a minimum of cost and from which in moments of threatened danger, they can be moved to exposed localities with greatest celerity and effect.

The positions deemed best suited at this time for large garrisons,—either from being great Railroad centres or other strategic advantages,—are Omaha and Sidney, Neb., Cheyenne, Wyo., and Fort Douglas, Utah. All that we can expect to do with our present meagre military establishment, is to leave at extreme frontier posts garrisons large enough to guard supplies and to hold their own until reinforcements can be hastened forward from the reserve posts. If any other plan be adopted, we cannot hope to keep the Indians in subjection or to afford proper protection to the numberless small communities springing up in every direction,—each feeling itself entitled to the assistance of a fort or cantonment.

I had hoped to be able to report favorable progress in the work of constructing Fort Thornburgh. The 6th Infantry was ordered to this Department late last fall, four companies being sent to take station at that post, then established at the junction of the Green and White Rivers. At the request of the Department of the Interior, the position was changed; its present location being on Ashley Fork, thirty-five miles from the Ute agencies. Unfortunately, the title to the land is in dispute and the appropriation expected was not made

by Congress—consequently the troops are still in tents and their situation by no means comfortable. I earnestly request that this matter receive early attention.

During the past spring one of the Ute Chiefs—Captain Jack—made his appearance at the agency of the Bannocks, Shoshonees and Arapahoes, near Fort Washakie, Wyo., where his arrest was called for by the officers of the Indian Bureau. In resisting capture, this Indian killed a Sergeant and then took refuge in one of the lodges near by. As he refused to surrender and as any other mode of apprehension would undoubtedly have caused the death of one or more valuable men, Major *J. W. Mason*, 3d Cavalry, Commanding Fort Washakie, ordered a mountain howitzer to be aimed and discharged at the lodge, causing the death of the Indian, whose previous bad record and bold defiance of the Government were mischievous in their influence upon the Shoshonees. The promptness with which Major *Mason* acted had a most salutary effect and I have no doubt averted much trouble.

The wonderful improvement in marksmanship made by the troops of this Department since my last Annual Report is a gratifying proof of the interest taken in this important subject by officers and men, and of the zeal and ability of the instructor, Lieut. *W. L. Carpenter*, 9th Infantry, who has labored untiringly in the performance of the duties devolving upon him. The three (3) companies showing highest proficiency are those commanded by Captains *Lee*, *Hay* and *Munson*, all of 9th Infantry and until recently, stationed at Fort Omaha.

In pursuance of orders received from your office, I am about to relinquish command of the Department of the Platte and to assume that of the Department of Arizona.

Detailed accounts of affairs in the Department of the Platte will be found in the reports of the Chiefs of Staff bureaux, hereto appended marked A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J, to which I respectfully invite attention.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE CROOK,

Brigadier General Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE

Omaha, Nebraska, September 4, 1882.

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The following best scores, as reported by Troop, Company and Post Commanders, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of July, 1882, with Service Arms and Ammunition, are published for the information of the command:

Fifth Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Charles S. Perry.	Private.	H	100	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Thomas Parker.	Private.	D	100	4, 4, 3, 4, 4	19	76
Charles E. Coon.	Private.	I	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 3	20	80
Edward M. Jones	Private.	H	200	3, 3, 5, 5, 4	20	80
George E. Dewet	Private.	I	200	3, 5, 5, 4, 3	20	80
August Kurlmann	Sergeant.	C	200	4, 3, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Edmond H. Gieseke	Trumpet'r	M	200	4, 3, 3, 5, 4	19	76
William Gray	Private.	E	200	3, 3, 4, 4, 4	18	72
David Donohue	Trumpet'r	F	200	3, 3, 3, 3, 4	16	64
Richard Nicholson	1st. Sergt.	L	300	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Walter S. Schuyler	1st. Lieut.	C	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
Patrick Lynch	1st. Sergt.	G	300	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
John Nihil.	Private.	G	300	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Wm. F. Kearns	Private.	K	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Charles Harding	Sergeant.	M	300	2, 4, 5, 4, 4	19	76
Frederick Sutcliffe	Trumpet'r	F	400	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
A. C. Macomb	2d. Lieut.	B	400	5, 5, 3, 4, 4	21	84
Clarence E. Carpenter.	Sergeant.	F	400	3, 5, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Richard Killigrew	Corporal.	B	400	2, 4, 5, 4, 4	19	76
Peter H. Wray	Private.	K	500	5, 4, 4, 5, 5	23	92
John M. Lowe.	Sergeant.	A	500	5, 5, 5, 5, 2	22	88
Dennis Laffan	Sergeant.	D	500	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Charles B. Hennessy	Private.	A	600	5, 5, 4, 5, 5	24	96
John Daly	Private.	L	600	5, 4, 3, 4, 4	20	80

PISTOL PRACTICE.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YARDS.	MOUNTED OR DISMOUNTED	GAIT.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Rndolph Hauser.	1st. Sergt.	A	20	Dismounted.		5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
John M. Lowe	Sergeant.	A	20	"		4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
A. C. Macomb	2d. Lieut.	B	30	"		5, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	100
Dennis Laffan	Sergeant.	D	30	"		5, 5, 5, 5, 4	24	96
Wm. L. Putnam	Private.	D	30	"		4, 5, 4, 5, 5	23	92
H. P. Butler	1st. Sergt.	B	30	"		5, 4, 4, 5, 5	23	92
Doras J. Major	Private.	F	30	"		4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
Charles H. Day	Private.	F	30	"		5, 5, 4, 4, 4	22	88
Louis Bertos.	Private.	H	30	"			20	80
M. McElhiney	Private.	H	30	"			20	80
A. E. Woodson	Captain.	K	40	"			23	92
Chas. Crutchenan	Private.	M	40	"		3, 4, 4, 5, 5	21	84
Stephen Reynolds	Private.	K	40	"			21	84
Charles Harding	Sergeant.	M	40	"		3, 4, 4, 4, 5	20	80
George A. Brown	Private.	L	50	"		5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Henry W. Miller	Private.	L	50	"		5, 5, 4, 4, 3	21	84

No practice in Troops C, E, G and I.

Fourth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY.	RANGE, YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
George W. Stanford	Private.	G	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
William H. Powell	Captain.	G	100	4, 5, 5, 3, 4	21	84
E. M. Coates	Captain.	C	200	5, 4, 3, 4, 4	20	80
Samuel Meyers	Trumpet'r	E	200	2, 4, 4, 4, 4	18	72
George Pontier	Private.	D	300	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
H. E. Robinson	1st. Lieut.	F	300	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Jacob Herman	Corporal.	D	300	3, 4, 5, 5, 4	21	84
Ludwig Roper	Sergeant.	F	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
James McDonald	Private.	C	300	3, 4, 4, 5, 4	20	80
Henry Osborn	1st. Sergt.	K	300	3, 5, 4, 4, 4	20	80
John Smith	Corporal.	H	300	3, 3, 4, 4, 4	18	72
Thomas King	Sergeant.	H	300	4, 3, 3, 4, 4	18	72
Charles H. Luce	Private.	E	300	4, 2, 4, 3, 5	18	72
Richard Robinson	Corporal.	K	600	4, 3, 5, 4, 4	20	80

Companies B and I, on detached service.

Sixth Infantry Practice.

Charles N. Capron	Private.	E	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
George Hanson		B	300	3, 5, 5, 4, 5	22	88
Stewart A. Pucket	Private.	E	300	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Martin Mayn	Private.	A	300	4, 3, 4, 5, 3	19	76
Louis Mueller	Corporal.	A	300	4, 4, 4, 3, 3	18	72
John Edgar	Private.	I	400	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Thomas Washburn	Private.	I	400	5, 3, 5, 5, 2	20	80
John R. Clarke	Private.	C	500	2, 3, 2, 3, 4	14	56
William Sullivan		B	600	3, 4, 5, 5, 4	21	84
Thomas Oakes	Private.	K	600	4, 3, 5, 3, 4	19	76
Richard Burke	Corporal.	K	600	5, 4, 3, 3, 4	19	76
Hugh Fitzpatrick	Private.	C	600	4, 4, 4, 0, 4	16	64

Ninth Infantry Practice.

Thomas Slater	Private.	G	100	4, 4, 5, 4, 5	22	88
Sylvester Poole	Sergeant.	H	200	5, 4, 4, 5, 4	22	88
Patrick Maxwell	Private.	E	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Charles W. Wilson	Private.	G	200	5, 4, 3, 5, 4	21	84
William Forsyth	Private.	F	200	5, 5, 4, 3, 4	21	84
William McCallough	Private.	F	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Merritt B. Pratt	Private.	I	200	3, 1, 4, 4, 5	20	80
James Rafferty	Private.	E	200	3, 4, 5, 3, 5	20	80
Conrad Grass	Private.	B	200	2, 4, 5, 5, 4	20	80
Arthur Maher	Private.	K	300	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Samuel Lindsay	Private.	D	300	5, 4, 4, 5, 4	22	88
William Edwards	Sergeant.	D	300	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Vigo Pedersen	Corporal.	C	300	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
John Baxter	2d. Lieut.	H	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Samuel Lafford	Private.	I	300	4, 4, 5, 4, 3	20	80
Frank E. Proctor	Corporal.	B	300	2, 4, 4, 4, 2	16	64
David C. Bishop	Private.	K	600	5, 4, 5, 5, 5	24	96
William Costello	Private.	C	600	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	92
George W. Parent	Sergeant.	A	600	3, 5, 5, 3, 3	19	76
Frank H. Randolph	Corporal.	A	600	3, 4, 4, 3, 4	18	72

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SHERIDAN:


Major Pay Department,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, September 25, 1882.

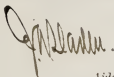
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The following correspondence is published for the information and guidance of all concerned.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

J. H. TAYLOR,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Aide-de-Camp.

"Copy of Endorsement on communication of September 2, 1882 in case of Private *J. H. Lutton*, General Service, U. S. Army, Overseer of schools at Fort Sill, Indian Territory.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, September 16, 1882.

Respectfully returned—thro Hd'qrs Mil. Div. of the Missouri—to the Commanding General Department of the Missouri

* * * * *

The War Department has not given authority to muster school-teachers as General Service men.

Private *Lutton* will be assigned to some company or troop serving in the Department.

Should there be any other school-teachers at Posts in the Department of the Missouri reported as General Service men, they will be assigned to some company or troop.

Attention is invited to the fact that the retention of unassigned recruits at Regimental and Post Headquarters has heretofore been disapproved.

All recruits in the Department should be assigned, at the earliest practicable moment, to some company or troop.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SHERMAN.

(SIGNED) C. McKEEVER,
Acting Adjutant General.

Official copy respectfully furnished the Commanding General Department of the Platte—through Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, for his information and action.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SHERMAN.

(SIGNED.) C. McKEEVER,
Acting Adjutant General.

A. G. OFFICE, }
Sept. 18, 1882. }

1st Endorsement.

HDQRS. MIL. DIV. MO.,

Chicago, September 21, 1882.

Respectfully transmitted to the Commanding General Dep't. of the Platte.

BY COMMAND OF L'T. GEN'L. SHERIDAN.

(SIGNED.) R. WILLIAMS,
Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l."

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, September 30, 1882.

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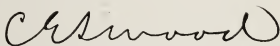
Hereafter all officers serving in this Department receiving leaves of absence, will report to these Headquarters, through the regular channels, dates of departure from their commands and their return thereto.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

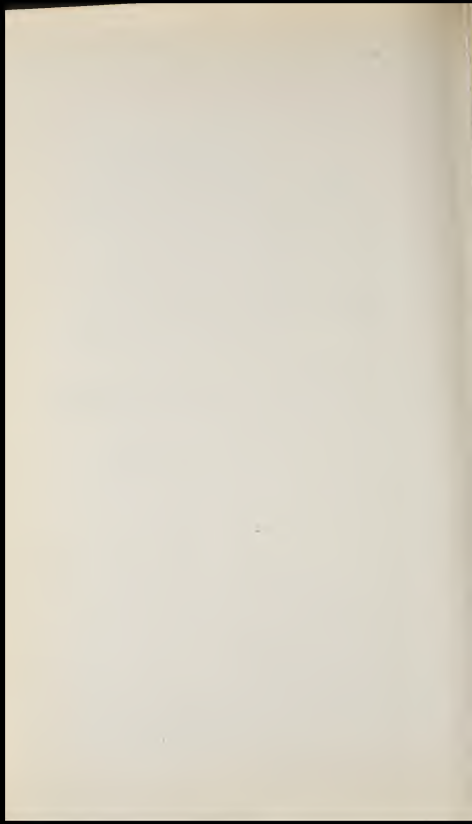
J. H. TAYLOR,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

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Aide-de-Camp.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 13, 1882.

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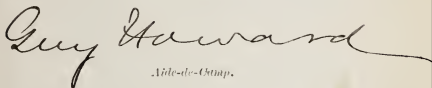
The following is published for the information of this command.

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

J. H. TAYLOR,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:


Aide-de-Camp.

“WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,

Washington, October 31st, 1882.

To the Commanding Officer,

Company “C,” 18th Infantry,

(Through Headquarters Department of Dakota)

Fort Snelling, Minn.

SIR:

Referring to your communication of August 30th, 1882, informing the Chief of Ordnance, that you have entered a charge of \$5.65 for damage done to a rifle, on your retained records for July and August, 1882, against Private *John Dorney*, as directed by the Chief of Ordnance, I have the honor to invite your attention to the fact that the correction of retained rolls, in the case of men dropped thereon, is prohibited, unless authority for such correction has been obtained *from this office*.

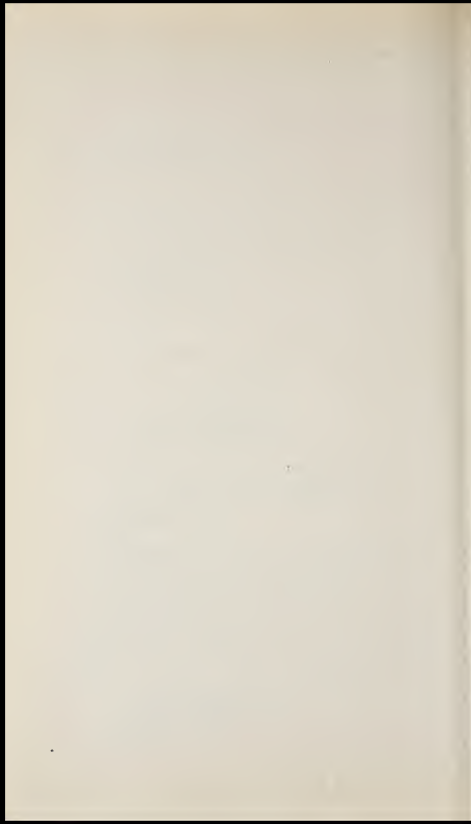
Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAUNCEY MCKEEVER,

Asst. Adjutant General,

In charge.”



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, October 20, 1882.

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No. 13. }

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

1st. Extract from an endorsement on communication from these Headquarters, submitted by the General of the Army to the Honorable the Secretary of War.

"The General Army Regulations is anomalous in style and character but reflects the experience of the past hundred years, which is, that at every military post of the United States the troops should be assembled under arms complete, at least once each day, leaving it discretionary with the commanding officer whether in the morning, "Troop" or evening "Retreat"—and 2nd:

Extract from decision returned by direction of the Honorable the Secretary of War.


"It appears to him that action in accordance with the views of the General would obviate the objections to Sunday parades presented in your communication."

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

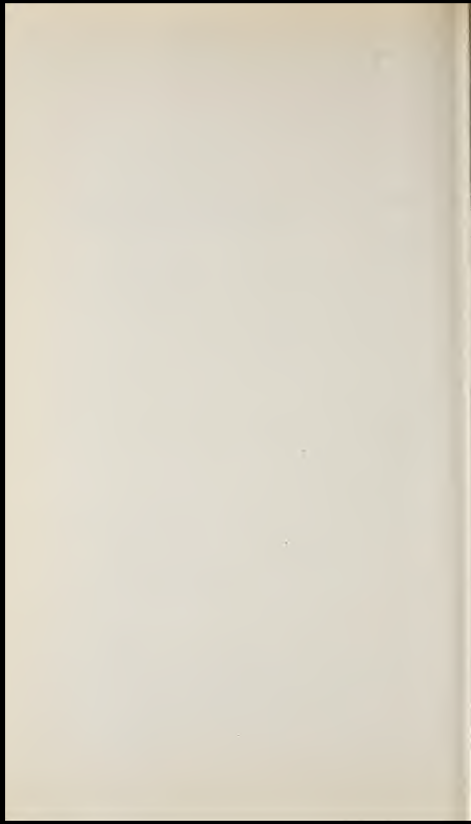
J. H. TAYLOR,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 21, 1882.

CIRCULAR, }
No. 14. }

In view of the number of official communications received at these Headquarters, from officers serving in this Department, to which are attached illegible signatures, the attention of all concerned is called to paragraph 655 of the Regulations of the Army, which specifies that "signatures must be *plainly* and *legibly* written with the actual rank and Regiment or Corps of the writer annexed."

BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

J. H. TAYLOR,
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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE, Omaha, Nebraska, October 23, 1882.

CIRCULAR, }
No. 15. }

The following best scores, as reported by Troop, Company and Post Commanders, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of August, 1882, with Service Arms and Ammunition, tabulated by ranges, according to merit, are published for the information of the command:

Fifth Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
C. D. Parkhurst	1st. Lieut.	E	100	5, 5, 4, 5, 5	24	96
Mathew McElhiney	Private.	H	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Edward M. Jones	Private.	H	200	3, 5, 4, 5, 4	21	84
John F. Kelly	Private.	I	200	3, 4, 3, 5, 3	18	72
James Nelson	Private.	I	200	3, 4, 3, 3, 4	17	68
Cassius Rowell	Private.	C	300	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Robert Stone	Private.	L	300	5, 4, 4, 5, 4	22	88
John M. Lowe	Sergeant.	A	300	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
William Gray	Private.	E	300	3, 5, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Edward M. Hayes	Captain.	G	300	5, 4, 3, 4, 4	20	80
A. C. Macomb	2d. Lieut.	B	400	4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
W. L. Putnam	Private.	D	400	5, 5, 5, 5, 3	23	92
Herbert G. Garrison	Corporal.	G	400	5, 5, 5, 5, 2	22	88
Dennis Laffau	Sergeant.	D	400	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Charles R. Hutton	Private.	B	400	2, 5, 5, 5, 4	21	84
William Esser	Private.	F	400	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Edmund Schreiber	Sergeant.	K	500	3, 5, 5, 5, 4	24	96
Peter H. Wray	Private.	K	500	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
William Steele	Blksmith.	M	500	5, 4, 5, 3, 5	22	88
Charles Harding	Sergeant.	M	500	2, 4, 5, 5, 4	20	80
George A. Hively	Private.	F	500	2, 5, 5, 3, 4	19	76
Charles Gregory	Corporal.	L	600	4, 4, 5, 5, 5	23	92
Leander F. Demorest	Corporal.	C	600	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
Rudolph Hauser	1st. Sergt.	A	600	5, 5, 3, 5, 4	22	88

PISTOL PRACTICE.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YARDS.	MOUNTED OR DISMOUNTED	GAIT.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
John Hensley ..	Private.	E	20	Dismounted.		5, 5, 4, 5, 5	24	96
Henry J. Evans ..	Corporal.	I	20	"		5, 5, 4, 5, 5	24	96
John W. Strait ..	Private.	I	20	"		5, 5, 5, 5, 4	24	96
Henry C. Sorenson ..	Private.	A	20	"		4, 4, 5, 5, 5	23	92
Christian Madison ..	Sergeant.	A	20	"		4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
James Kennedy ..	Private.	E	20	"		5, 5, 4, 5, 4	23	92
Patriek O'Shea ..	Private.	H	20	"		3, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
John M. Hamilton ..	Captain.	H	20	"		5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
A. C. Macomb ..	2d. Lieut.	B	30	"		4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
H. P. Butler	1st. Sergt.	B	30	"		5, 5, 4, 4, 5	23	92
C. E. Carpenter ..	Sergeant.	F	30	"		4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
L. W. Cornish	2d. Lieut.	F	30	"		4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
A. E. Woodson ..	Captain.	K	40	"		5, 5, 5, 5, 4	24	96
W. L. Putnam	Private.	D	40	"		5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
Dennis Laffau	Sergeant.	D	40	"		4, 4, 5, 4, 5	22	88
William Werner ..	Saddler.	K	60	"		4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
Richard Nicholson ..	1st. Sergt.	L	60	"		4, 4, 3, 4, 4	19	76
Joseph Kuhn	Private.	L	60	"		4, 5, 3, 3, 4	19	76
Columbus Fox	Corporal.	M	60	"		4, 4, 4, 3, 3	18	72
William Steele ..	Blks'm'th	M	60	"		5, 4, 2, 3, 3	17	68

Fourth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY	RANGE. YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Christian Wagner	Private.	G	100	4, 4, 2, 5, 3	18	72
George Pontier	Private.	D	200	4, 5, 4, 5, 5	23	92
Lucien F. Babcock	Private.	E	200	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
J. A. Thilman	Sergeant.	D	300	4, 5, 3, 5, 5	22	88
Baley Rice	Sergeant.	C	300	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Rufus P. Brown	1st. Lieut.	K	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
William H. Powell	Captain.	G	300	5, 3, 3, 4, 4	19	76
John Snider	Private.	E	300	4, 4, 4, 3, 3	18	72
William H. Bisbee	Captain.	H	400	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	92
E. M. Coates	Captain.	C	400	5, 4, 4, 5, 3	21	84
John Smith	Corporal.	H	500	5, 4, 5, 4, 5	23	92
Henry L. Saner	Trumpet'r	K	500	2, 4, 4, 4, 5	19	76

Companies B, F, and I, on detached service

Sixth Infantry Practice.

Michael Reardon	Private.	B	200	5, 4, 5, 3, 4	21	84
R. E. Thompson	1st. Lieut.	E	300	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Z. W. Torrey	M. Lieut.	C	400	5, 3, 5, 5, 4	22	88
Solomon Savage	Private.	I	400	2, 5, 5, 5, 4	21	84
George Wentzel	1st. Sergt.	A	400	1, 3, 4, 2, 5	18	72
Stewart A. Puckett	Private.	E	500	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Peter Johnson	Sergeant	A	500	4, 5, 4, 0, 4	17	68
William E. Helvie	Corporal.	I	600	1, 5, 3, 5, 5	22	88
William Scroggy	Private.	B	600	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Michael Lantry	1st. Sergt.	K	600	4, 5, 3, 4, 4	20	80
Richard Burke	Corporal.	K	600	4, 3, 5, 3, 4	19	76
Thomas T. Linnard	Private.	C	600	3, 4, 4, 3, 3	19	76

Ninth Infantry Practice.

James K. Gist	Sergeant.	I	200	4, 4, 5, 5, 5	23	92
Jesse Thomas	Corporal.	K	200	5, 5, 4, 4, 5	23	92
Peter Coffenberg	1st. Sergt.	I	200	5, 4, 4, 3, 5	21	84
James Brown	Corporal.	C	200	5, 4, 5, 4, 3	21	84
Patrick Maxwell	Private.	E	200	5, 4, 3, 4, 4	20	80
C. R. Noyes	2d. Lieut.	F	200	4, 5, 4, 3, 4	20	80
James Rafferty	Private.	E	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 2	19	76
Henry Pleemer	Private.	B	200	2, 4, 4, 4, 4	18	72
Harry G. Rattigan	Private.	B	200	1, 4, 4, 5, 3	18	72
M. S. Schiltz	Private.	C	300	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
Gustav Bendorff	Private.	K	300	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
John Baker	Private.	D	300	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
William H. Bullock	Corporal.	H	300	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
John White	Sergeant.	D	300	4, 3, 5, 4, 5	21	84
John Walsh	Private.	H	300	1, 3, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Dell Terwilliger	Corporal.	F	300	2, 3, 4, 5, 4	18	72
James P. Gilnagh	Sergeant.	G	400	4, 3, 4, 4, 4	19	76
Charles G. Holmes	Private.	G	500	4, 5, 4, 3, 4	20	80
Jeremiah Mack	Sergeant.	A	600	2, 4, 5, 5, 5	21	84
Charles Wallace	Private.	A	600	4, 5, 2, 4, 4	19	76

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BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

J. H. TAYLOR,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Chaswood
Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 24, 1882.

CIRCULAR, {
No. 16. }

Company Commanders of the 4th, 6th and 9th Regiments of Infantry, are informed that "Stencil Outfits complete" for their companies, have been received by the Commanding Officer Cheyenne Ordnance Depot, who will issue them on their requisitions.

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J. H. TAYLOR,

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, November 1, 1882.

CIRCULAR, }
No. 17. }

Troop Commanders of the 5th Cavalry, are informed that "Stencil Outfits complete" for their troops, have been received by the Commanding Officer Cheyenne Ordnance Depot, who will issue them on their requisitions.

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J. H. TAYLOR,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, November 3, 1882.

CIRCULAR, }
No. 18. }

The following best scores, as reported by Troop, Company and Post Commanders, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of September, 1882, with Service Arms and Ammunition, tabulated by ranges, according to merit, are published for the information of the command:

Fifth Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE. YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
John B. Miller	Private.	C	100	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Edwin P. Andrus	2d. Lieut.	H	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Edmond J. Minnick	Private.	C	100	4, 3, 5, 4, 5	21	84
C. J. Seannell	Bl'ksmith.	A	200	4, 5, 3, 4, 5	21	84
Charles Hoffman	Private.	I	200	4, 5, 4, 2, 4	19	76
Charles E. Coon	Private.	I	300	5, 4, 4, 5, 4	22	88
Charles Harding	Sergeant.	M	300	4, 5, 3, 5, 4	21	84
Michael B. Chester	Sergeant.	L	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
J. W. Latta	Corporal.	K	300	4, 3, 4, 4, 5	20	80
F. W. Foster	2d. Lieut.	K	300	5, 4, 4, 3, 4	20	80
William Langton	Private.	G	300	4, 4, 3, 5, 3	19	76
H. M. Roach	Sergeant.	F	300	4, 4, 5, 3, 3	19	76
Charles K. Hutton	Private.	B	500	4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
Patrick Davin	Sergeant.	M	500	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
J. A. Angnr	Captain.	A	500	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	88
James Sloan	Private.	B	500	5, 5, 3, 5, 4	22	88
Dennis Laffan	Sergeant.	D	500	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Samuel Klingensmith	Sergeant.	F	500	4, 5, 5, 5, 2	21	84
William L. Putnam	Private.	D	500	4, 5, 4, 4, 3	20	80
Andrew A. Jackson	Private.	G	500	5, 5, 4, 3, 2	19	76
Charles Gregory	Corporal.	L	600	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
George Stafford	Private.	H	600	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
C. D. Parkhurst	1st. Lieut.	E	600	4, 5, 4, 3, 5	21	84
John C. Marshall	1st. Sergt.	E	600	2, 3, 5, 5, 5	20	80

Fifth Cavalry (Continued.)

PISTOL PRACTICE.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE. YARDS.	MOUNTED OR DISMOUNTED	GAIT.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Charles Harding	Sergeant.	M	10	Mounted.	Gal'p	4, 4, 3, 2, 2	15	60
John Legg	Private.	M	10	"	"	4, 3, 2, 5, 0	14	56
A. C. Macomb	2d. Lieut.	B	20	"	Halt.	4, 4, 5, 5, 5	23	92
Jas. A. Stevens	Private.	B	20	"	"	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
George Streuver	Private.	C	25	"	"	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Geo. A. Daggett	Private.	C	25	"	"	4, 4, 2, 3, 4	17	68
Hugo Frede	Private.	F	20	Dismounted	"	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
Jacob Schall....	Private.	H	20	"	"	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
W. Rannock....	Private.	K	20	"	"	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
George Miller	Private.	A	20	"	"	2, 4, 4, 5, 5	20	80
George Streuver	Private.	C	25	"	"	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
John Hensley	Private.	E	30	"	"	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
C. D. Parkhurst	1st Lieut.	E	30	"	"	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Charles E. Coon	Private.	I	40	"	"	5, 5, 4, 4, 4	22	88
C. Madsen....	Sergeant.	A	40	"	"	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	84
Charles Hoffman	Private.	I	40	"	"	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Herman Geisler	Private.	M	40	"	"	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
S. Reynolds...	Private.	K	40	"	"	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
C. E. Carpenter	Sergeant.	F	40	"	"	3, 4, 4, 4, 5	20	80
Denzel Beck...	Private.	M	40	"	"	3, 3, 4, 4, 5	19	76
DENNIS LAFFAN	SERGT.	D	50	"	"	5, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	100
W. L. Putnam...	Private.	D	50	"	"	4, 5, 5, 5, 5	24	96
John Winkler	Private.	H	50	"	"	3, 4, 4, 5, 5	21	84
Eben Swift	Adjutant		50	"	"	3, 4, 4, 5, 5	21	84
James Barrett	Private.	L	70	"	"	4, 3, 3, 4, 4	18	72

No pistol practice in Troop G.

Fourth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY	RANGE. YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Thomas C. Cosley	Private.	G	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 3	21	84
Patrick Coltery	Corporal.	H	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 5	22	88
William W. Welter	Sergeant.	H	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	84
Edwin M. Coates	Captain.	C	300	5, 5, 4, 4, 3	21	84
William T. Bell	Private.	G	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
*THOMAS CONLON	SERGEANT.	K	600	5, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	100
Richard Robinson	Sergeant.	K	600	5, 4, 4, 5, 5	23	92

*The first full score at 600 yards made in this Department.

Companies B, D, F, and I, on detached service. No reports received from Company E.

Sixth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY	RANGE YARDS.	SCORE.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Charles Pfahler....	Q. M. Sergt		100	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Clarence Armstrong	Private.	B'd	200	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
Middleton Moore...	Private.	B	200	5, 4, 5, 3, 4	21	84
Jacob Reiter	Private.	C	200	5, 4, 4, 3, 4	20	80
John A. Christ....	Sergeant.	I	300	4, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	88
John R. Clarke	Private.	C	300	4, 4, 3, 4, 4	19	76
John A. Brady....	Private.	B	400	3, 5, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Christian R. Lange ...	Private.	B'd	400	5, 5, 3, 5, 3	21	84
John H. Dobbs	Corporal.	E	500	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Thomas A. Madsen.	Corporal.	B'd	500	3, 5, 4, 5, 4	21	84
James B. Estes	Private.	A	500	5, 4, 5, 5, 0	19	76
Michael Landy	1st. Sergt.	K	600	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Patrick Donoghue	Private.	K	600	3, 4, 5, 5, 5	22	88
John Edgar	Private.	I	600	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
Stewart A. Puckett	Private.	E	600	4, 5, 3, 5, 4	21	84
R. R. Stevens	2d. Lient.	A	600	4, 3, 2, 5, 2	16	64

The companies stationed at Fort Thornburgh, (D, F, G, and H,) were not able to have practice.

Ninth Infantry Practice.

CHARLES J. NOLAN	PRIVATE.	C	100	5,5,5,5,5	25	100
David C. Bishop	Private.	K	200	4, 5, 5, 5, 3	22	88
James Leonard	Private.	B	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	84
John H. D. Smith	1st. Sergt.	B	200	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	84
John Baxter, Jr.	2d. Lient.	H	200	4, 4, 3, 5, 5	21	84
Martin Wray	Private.	H	200	4, 3, 5, 4, 4	20	80
William Forsyth	Private.	F	300	3, 4, 5, 4, 5	21	84
Thomas M. Moody.	Private.	D	300	3, 4, 5, 5, 4	21	84
Sanford C. Fox	Private.	F	300	3, 5, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Thomas Heaney	1st. Sergt.	D	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Thomas Murray	Private.	K	300	3, 5, 5, 4, 3	20	80
James Doble	Private.	E	300	4, 3, 5, 3, 4	19	76
Charles W. Wilson.	Private.	G	300	5, 4, 3, 3, 4	19	76
Thomas Hodson	Private.	E	300	4, 5, 4, 3, 3	19	76
Charles P. Stivers	2d. Lient.	C	500	5, 5, 4, 4, 5	23	92
James P. Gilnagh	Sergeant.	G	500	4, 5, 4, 2, 3	18	72
A. H. Bowman	Captain.	A	600	4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
James H. Triplett	Private.	A	600	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
Peter Coffenberg	1st. Sergt.	I	600	3, 4, 4, 5, 5	21	84
Meritt B. Pratt	Private.	I	600	5, 2, 5, 3, 5	20	80

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BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

A. W. Taylor

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, November 24, 1882

CIRCULAR, }
No. 19. }

The following record of best target firing in competition for the "Nevada Trophy," for the year ending September 30, 1882, as reported by the Commanding Officer, Company K, 9th Infantry, is published for the information of the command:

NAMES.	RANK.	YARDS	DATE	BEST SCORES.				TOTAL.	* PER CENT.
				AUG.	TAL	AUG.	TAL		
Leonard Hay . . .	Captain	200	10	5, 4, 3, 3, 5	20	10	1, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	79
		300	11	4, 5, 4, 3, 3	19	15	5, 4, 3, 4, 1	20	
George Palmer . .	2d Lieut	200	18	4, 5, 4, 3, 4	20	18	4, 3, 4, 4, 4	19	74
		300	18	4, 5, 3, 4, 2	18	18	3, 3, 4, 3, 4	17	
William L. Allison	1st Sergt	200	18	3, 3, 3, 4, 5	18	18	4, 4, 3, 4, 3	18	76
		300	18	5, 3, 3, 4, 4	19	21	4, 4, 4, 5, 4	21	
William T. Shipp	Sergt.	200	19	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	19	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	86
		300	21	5, 3, 4, 5, 5	22	21	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	
Nelson Hough . .	"	200	3	4, 4, 2, 5, 5	20	9	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	80
		300	16	4, 4, 3, 5, 3	19	16	1, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	
Joseph Miller . .	"	200	1	4, 3, 3, 4, 5	19	11	4, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	72
		300	18	3, 3, 4, 4, 3	19	18	5, 0, 4, 3, 3	15	
Jesse Thomas . .	Corp'l.	200	11	5, 5, 4, 4, 5	23	11	4, 3, 4, 3, 5	19	79
		300	18	3, 3, 4, 5, 3	18	18	3, 4, 4, 4, 1	19	
Henry W. Gordon.	"	200	18	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	18	3, 4, 4, 3, 4	18	82
		300	19	3, 4, 5, 5, 4	21	19	3, 4, 4, 5, 5	21	
Joseph Jackson . .	"	200	3	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	3	3, 4, 2, 3, 4	16	77
		300	21	4, 3, 4, 5, 4	20	21	4, 5, 4, 4, 3	20	
Francis Thornton.	Trump'r	200	11	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	14	5, 4, 3, 0, 4	16	70
		300	18	2, 3, 3, 3, 5	16	18	4, 5, 2, 2, 3	16	
Joseph Conway . .	"	200	8	4, 5, 5, 2, 3	19	11	3, 4, 4, 2, 3	16	70
		300	16	4, 5, 2, 5, 5	21	16	3, 3, 3, 3, 2	14	
James Anthony . .	Private.	200	3	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	15	3, 3, 3, 3, 4	16	77
		300	17	3, 3, 5, 4, 5	20	17	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	
Gustav Bendorff .	"	200	3	3, 3, 3, 4, 3	16	3	4, 4, 3, 4, 5	20	76
		300	9	4, 5, 0, 5, 4	18	9	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	
David C. Bishop .	"	200	3	5, 2, 3, 3, 3	16	18	4, 3, 3, 4, 4	18	63
		300	9	4, 3, 2, 4, 4	17	9	2, 3, 2, 5, 3	15	
Henry C. Carr . .	"	200	1	5, 4, 4, 5, 3	21	11	1, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	82
		300	1	3, 4, 4, 4, 5	20	21	3, 5, 4, 4, 3	19	
George Cook . . .	"	200	11	4, 4, 3, 4, 4	19	11	5, 4, 3, 3, 4	19	69
		300	18	4, 5, 3, 0, 3	15	18	1, 0, 4, 4, 4	16	
John Garrity . . .	"	200	3	4, 4, 3, 4, 3	18	11	4, 3, 5, 5, 4	21	60
		300	21	3, 3, 4, 0, 0	10	21	3, 2, 3, 0, 3	11	
John Gebhardt . .	"	200	1	4, 4, 4, 3, 5	20	11	3, 3, 4, 5, 4	19	73
		300	18	4, 3, 4, 0, 3	14	18	4, 4, 4, 5, 3	20	
George Green . . .	"	200	8	5, 5, 4, 4, 2	20	18	4, 2, 3, 5, 4	18	70
		300	8	5, 4, 4, 4, 4	21	15	3, 4, 2, 0, 2	11	
Jesse Langley . .	"	200	8	4, 3, 3, 5, 5	20	11	4, 3, 4, 4, 5	20	80
		300	8	5, 4, 5, 3, 4	21	21	4, 4, 3, 4, 4	19	
Arthur Maher . .	"	200	1	3, 4, 4, 3, 4	18	3	4, 3, 2, 4, 5	18	63
		300	21	3, 3, 2, 3, 0	11	21	4, 3, 2, 3, 4	16	
Henry C. McLellan	"	200	18	4, 3, 4, 3, 3	17	3	4, 5, 2, 3, 3	17	68
		300	18	3, 4, 3, 4, 3	17	18	2, 2, 5, 4, 4	17	
E. McLaughlin . .	"	200	14	4, 4, 4, 3, 4	19	18	4, 3, 4, 3, 3	17	76
		300	21	4, 3, 4, 5, 3	19	21	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	
Michael Miller . .	"	200	1	4, 3, 5, 3, 3	18	1	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	19	74
		300	17	3, 3, 4, 4, 4	18	17	4, 4, 4, 2, 5	19	

NAMES.	RANK.	YARDS	DATE	BEST SCORES.			TOTAL.	* PER CENT.
			AUG.	TO- TAL	DATE	AUG.		
Thomas Murray.	Private.	200	18	3, 2, 3, 3, 4	15	3, 2, 3, 3, 4	15	
		300	17	3, 4, 4, 4, 4	18	1, 3, 3, 5, 4	19	67
James H. Purcell	"	200	18	3, 4, 3, 3, 3	16	1, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	
		300	18	4, 3, 4, 0, 3	14	1, 4, 3, 3, 2	16	63
Alfred H. Salmon.	"	200	11	1, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	1, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	
		300	18	3, 5, 3, 4, 3	18	1, 4, 3, 3, 4	18	77
E. D. Shrader.	"	200	1	2, 4, 5, 3, 4	18	1, 4, 4, 4, 3	19	
		300	19	3, 4, 3, 4, 4	18	3, 3, 3, 5, 4	18	73
Charles H. Tucker	"	200	18	1, 2, 4, 4, 3	17	4, 4, 4, 5, 3	20	
		300	18	3, 4, 2, 3, 2	14	4, 4, 4, 3, 3	18	69
Isaac B. Walker.	"	200	18	3, 3, 4, 4, 4	18	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	
		300	17	4, 5, 4, 4, 4	21	4, 0, 3, 4, 0	11	70
Charles E. Werntz	"	200	1	1, 5, 4, 5, 4	22	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	
		300	18	4, 4, 4, 4, 5	21	3, 4, 3, 4, 4	18	81
H. D. Wieseman.	"	200	1	5, 4, 5, 3, 4	21	1, 3, 3, 4, 4	18	
		300	17	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	5, 4, 5, 3, 4	21	80
Fred'k Williams..	"	200	18	4, 2, 4, 2, 3	15	4, 4, 2, 3, 2	15	
		300	17	3, 2, 5, 5, 3	18	3, 4, 3, 4, 2	16	64

Total percentage 2423

Company percentage, 73 19-33

Total number of men firing, 33.

Average aggregate strength of company for the month, 41.

Percentage of those firing to average strength, 80.

* Per cent. of maximum possible of two complete scores of five shots each at each range.

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BY ORDER OF BREVET MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD:

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, December 4, 1882.

CIRCULAR, }
No. 20. }

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Aide-de-Camp.

“HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,
Washington, November 24, 1882.

To the Commanding General,
Department of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

SIR:

Referring to a letter from this office dated November 15, 1882, in regard to the payment of a per diem to enlisted men detailed as gardeners, from company or post funds, I have the honor to inform you by direction of the General of the Army, that * * * * no expenditures from post funds are allowable, except such as are authorized by Paragraph 537, Army Regulations.

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(sd) R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General.

Official copy respectfully furnished the Comd’g. Gen’l.
Dep’t. of the Platte,

Through Headquarters Mil. Div. of the Missouri.

(sd.) C. McKEEVER
Assistant Adjutant General.

A. G. office, }
Nov. 25, 1882. }

(1st Endorsement.)

HEADQUARTERS MIL. DIV. OF THE MO.,
Chicago, November 27, 1882.

Respectfully transmitted to the Commanding General, Department of the Platte.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SHERIDAN,
(sd.) R. WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.”



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Nebraska, December 5, 1882.

CIRCULAR, }
No. 21. }

The following best scores, as reported by Troop, Company and Post Commanders, made at Target Practice in the Department, during the month of October, 1882, with Service Arms and Ammunition, tabulated by ranges, according to merit, are published for the information of the command:

Fifth Cavalry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
C. D. PARKHURST.	1st Lieut.	E	100	5,5,5,5,5	50	100
Heinrich Schonberg.	1st. Sergt.	C	100	5, 5, 5, 4, 5	24	93
A. C. Macomb	2d. Lieut.	B	100	5, 5, 5, 4, 5	24	93
John R. Wallace	Trump'r.	B	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 5	24	92
James F. Wagner	Private.	D	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	92
Herbert A. Jones.	Sergeant.	E	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	92
Moses Sharrow.	Private.	C	100	5, 4, 5, 5, 4	23	92
David Link	Private.	F	100	4, 4, 5, 4, 5	22	88
Lot Whitbeck.	Sergeant.	D	100	4, 4, 5, 5, 4	22	88
Frank Michler	1st. Lieut.	F	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 3	21	84
John Schmetz	Private.	I	100	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
John B. Thasing	Private.	I	100	4, 4, 5, 3, 4	20	80

PISTOL PRACTICE.

NAMES.	RANK.	TROOP.	RANGE, YARDS.	MOUNTED OR DISMOUNTED	GAIT.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Fred. W. Shaw	Private.	M	10	Mounted.	Gal'p	4, 4, 3, 0, 0	11	44
John Legg	Corporal.	M	10	"	"	4, 4, 0, 0, 0	8	32
W. L. Putnam.	Private.	D	10	Dismounted	"	3, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	100
Dennis Luffan	Sergeant.	D	10	"	"	5, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	100
CHAS. E. COON	PRIVATE.	I	20	"	"	5, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	100
Thos. Holohan	Private.	I	20	"	"	4, 4, 5, 5, 5	23	92
R. Bennett	Private.	K	20	"	"	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
C. H. Watts	1st Lieut.	N	20	"	"	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
Alex. D. Young	Private.	M	20	"	"	4, 4, 4, 4, 0	21	84
F. Blackburn	Private.	A	20	"	"	4, 4, 2, 5, 5	18	72
Jacob Schaal	Private.	H	30	"	"	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
J. R. Wallace	Trump'r.	B	30	"	"	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	22	88
Henry P. Butler	1st Sergt.	B	30	"	"	5, 6, 4, 4, 4	22	88
C. E. Carpenter	Sergeant.	N	40	"	"	5, 5, 4, 5, 4	23	92
L. W. Cornish	2d. Lieut.	F	40	"	"	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
P. Freeman	Private.	H	50	"	"	5, 5, 5, 5, 4	24	93
John Hensley	Private.	E	50	"	"	4, 4, 4, 5, 3	21	84
Hubert A. Jones	Sergeant.	E	50	"	"	3, 3, 4, 4, 4	18	72
A. E. Woodson.	Captain.	K	60	"	"	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Joseph V. Riley	Private.	A	60	"	"	4, 4, 3, 3, 2	16	64

Fourth Infantry Practice.

NAMES.	RANK.	COMPANY.	RANGE. YARDS.	SCORES.	TOTAL.	PER CT.
Charles W. Mason	1st. Lieut.	G	100	4, 5, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Richard M. Wheelan.....	Sergeant.	G	100	3, 4, 4, 4, 5	20	80
William H. Welter.....	Sergeant.	H	200	1, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Thomas King	Sergeant.	H	300	4, 4, 4, 3, 5	20	80
Robert H. Young.....	1st. Lieut.	H	400	4, 3, 3, 4, 4	18	72

Sixth Infantry Practice.

James Reilley	Private.	A	100	4, 3, 5, 5, 5	23	92
William E. Helvie	Corporal.		100	4, 5, 5, 4, 5	23	92
Herick Griesenfeldt.....	Private.	B'd	100	4, 5, 5, 5, 4	23	92
Thomas A. Madsen.....	Corporal.	B'd	100	5, 5, 4, 5, 4	25	92
Alfred Fosette.....	Sergeant.	A	200	5, 4, 4, 5, 4	22	88
Michael Landy.....	1st. Sergt.	K	200	5, 5, 1, 4, 4	21	84
James Board.....	Sergeant.	X	200	4, 4, 3, 5, 4	20	80
Gustave Paulus.....	Private.	B'd	200	5, 3, 4, 3, 5	20	80
Michael Reardon	Private.	B	300	4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	80
Theodore M. Brower.....	Corporal.	C	300	4, 4, 3, 4, 4	19	76
Martin Mayne	Corporal.	A	600	5, 5, 3, 3, 4	20	80
Thomas T. Linnard.....	Private.	C	400	4, 3, 5, 3, 5	18	72
Paul Lecher	Private.	B	600	5, 3, 3, 2, 5	18	72

Ninth Infantry Practice.

Charles Dussell	Private.	I	100	5, 4, 4, 5, 5	24	92
William Forsyth.....	Private.	F	100	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	23	92
Samuel Munson	Captain.	C	100	5, 5, 5, 5, 5	25	92
Albert Helling	Corporal.	I	100	5, 4, 4, 4, 5	22	88
John McCarthy	1st. Sergt.	F	100	3, 4, 5, 5, 5	22	88
Conrad Grass	Private.	B	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 5	22	88
James H. Morton	Sergeant.	H	200	4, 5, 4, 4, 5	22	88
Edward E. Frowbridge	Private.	D	200	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88
George Ebert	Sergeant.	A	200	5, 5, 5, 4, 5	22	88
Arthur Maher	Private.	K	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	21	84
Elen S. Daily.....	Corporal.	C	200	4, 4, 5, 4, 4	21	84
John Sane.....	Corporal.	H	200	5, 5, 5, 4, 4	21	84
Isaac B. Walker	Private.	K	200	4, 5, 4, 5, 5	21	84
Frank T. Randolph.....	Corporal.	A	200	4, 4, 4, 5, 5	22	88
Thomas M. Moody.....	Private.	D	300	4, 5, 4, 5, 5	22	88
James A. Willis.....	Musician	B	300	5, 4, 5, 4, 4	22	88

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebraska, December 13, 1882.

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No. 22. }

The following extract from a communication from the commanding officer Cheyenne Ordnance Depot, Wyo., is published for the information and guidance of this command :

“ * * * * *
In view of the above facts I would respectfully recommend that company commanders in this Department be directed not to reload cartridges of *Lowell* manufacture, but to use them and expend the shells as they would non-reloading cartridges.

By making the usual requisitions company commanders can obtain reloading cartridges of Frankford Arsenal manufacture expressly adapted to the primer now furnished.

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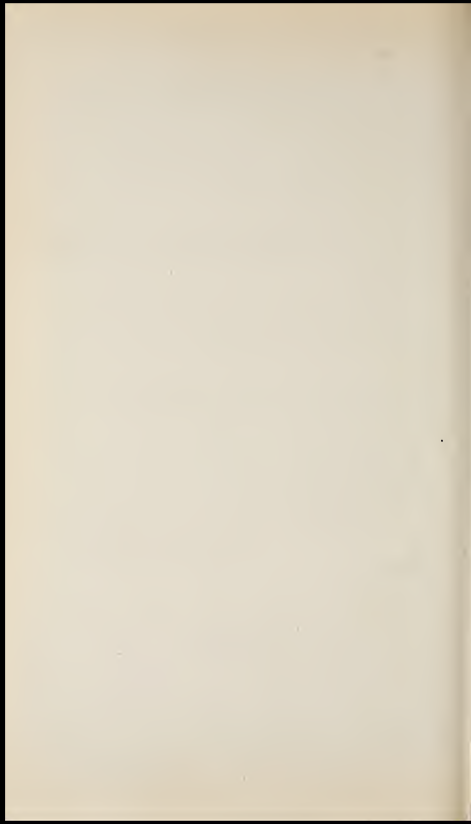
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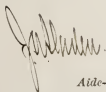
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Omaha, Nebraska, December 19, 1882.

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No. 23. }

Hereafter, in forwarding to these Headquarters charges against enlisted men, the officer so forwarding will specify the dates of arrest or confinement and expiration of term of service in each case.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, December 26, 1882.

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The following is published for the information of this command:

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“WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, December 19, 1882.

To the Commanding General

Department of the Platte,

Omaha, Nebraska,

SIR:

It appearing from numerous communications received at this office from officers of the Army that a misapprehension exists in regard to the kind of books furnished under paragraph 200 of the Regulations, as well as to whom application should be addressed for the same, I have the honor to state, for the information of the officers in your command, that the following company books are furnished from the Office of the Adjutant General: Company Sick Report Book and Record of Vaccination.

The following company books are furnished by the Quartermaster's Department: Order Book, Morning Report Book, Clothing Book, Descriptive Book, and Letter Book, and applications should be addressed accordingly.

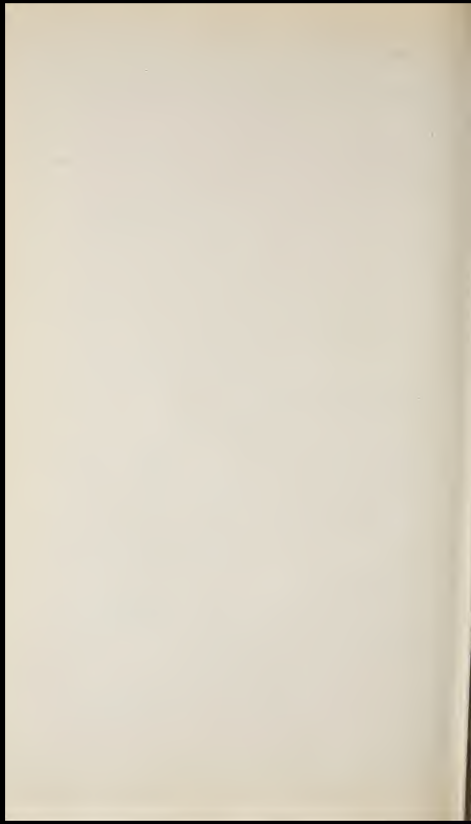
I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

[SIGNED]

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.”



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebraska, December 27, 1882.

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No. 25. {

Hereafter the special reports of Boards of Survey directed by General Orders No. 130, current series Headquarters of the Army, to inquire into the causes attendant upon desertion will be forwarded to these Headquarters with the proceedings of the Board on property.

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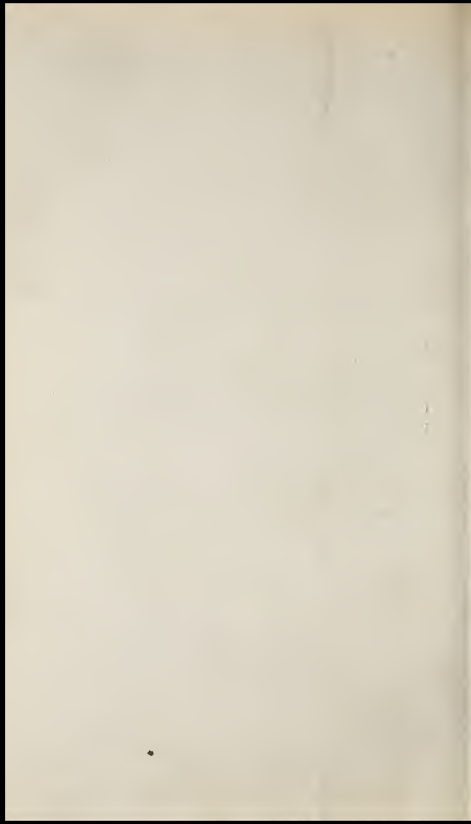
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